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of
Grand Chapter
of
Royal Arch Masons
of Alberta
1935



To Scribes E.

PLEASE OBSERVE AND COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING:

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ANDREW DAVISON
Grand First Principal

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Most Excellent Companion Andrew Davison was born on December 18th, 1885, at Moneymore, County Derry, Ireland.

He received his education in Canada, in the Public and High Schools of Strathcona (Edmonton South) and in Winnipeg Business College. His occupation was that of a printer.

He was married in Calgary to Miss Effie A. Huggins on December 3rd, 1912.

Andrew Davison was initiated into Masonry on August 4th, 1911, in King George Lodge, No. 59, A.F. & A.M., and held various offices, serving as Worshipful Master in 1924.

He was exalted to the Holy Royal Arch on February 5th, 1920, in Calgary Chapter, No. 11, and became First Principal in 1925.

In Grand Lodge he served as D.D.G.M. of Masonic District No. 1, G.R.A., in 1928-1929. He was appointed Grand Senior Sojourner in Grand Chapter in 1931, elected Grand J. in 1932, Grand H. in 1933 and Grand First Principal in 1934.

"Andy" has taken a keen interest in Municipal affairs and was elected Alderman in Calgary 1922-1926 and again in 1929. He became Mayor of the City in 1930 and has served continuously since that time.

His other activities include membership in the Calgary Branch, Canadian Legion, Sandstone Lodge, No. 17, I.O.O.F., and the Rotary Club.

He is a member of Central United Church.

PROCEEDINGS
of the
Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons of Alberta
at the
Twenty-first
Annual Convocation
1935

Held in the
City of CALGARY, Alberta
March 20th, 1935

Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-five

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

Twenty-first Annual Convocation Proceedings

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Twenty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, held in the City of Calgary, Province of Alberta, on the Twentieth day of March, A.D. 1935, A.I. 2465.

OFFICERS PRESENT

M. E. Comp. Andrew Davison.....	Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. Robert Patterson.....	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. Melvin M. Downey.....	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. Samuel H. Middleton.....	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. Edwin G. Ironside.....	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. Frederick S. Selwood.....	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. James R. Flan.....	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. John W. G. Morrison.....	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. James A. McGhee.....	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. Joseph V. Follett.....	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. Archie West.....	Past Grand First Principal
R. E. Comp. Walter E. Mercer.....	Grand Second Principal
R. E. Comp. Henry Sandilands.....	Grand Third Principal
R. E. Comp. G. Lynnwood Tipp.....	Grand Supt. District No. 1
R. E. Comp. Frank W. Keyte.....	Grand Supt. District No. 3
R. E. Comp. Charles Scaife.....	Grand Supt. District No. 4
R. E. Comp. Leland W. Walkey.....	Grand Supt. District No. 5
R. E. Comp. William C. Black.....	Grand Treasurer
R. E. Comp. Cyril A. MacPherson.....	Grand Scribe E. (Secretary)
R. E. Comp. James M. Donaldson.....	Grand Principal Sojourner
M. E. Comp. James R. Flan.....	Grand Lecturer
V. E. Comp. Thomas W. Matthews.....	Grand Senior Sojourner
V. E. Comp. George F. Milligan.....	Grand Junior Sojourner
V. E. Comp. Louis Michael.....	Grand Master 3rd Veil
R. E. Comp. Frederick B. Cooper.....	Grand Organist
V. E. Comp. John G. Harrison.....	Grand Pursuivant
V. E. Comp. Clarence W. Niblock.....	Grand Steward
V. E. Comp. Peter A. Davie.....	Grand Steward
V. E. Comp. Gaus Allen.....	Grand Tyler

DELEGATES PRESENT

Alberta Chapter, No. 1, Calgary

First Principal: H. D. Fawcett. Third Principal: G. S. Draper.
 Past Principals: F. S. Selwood, J. A. McGhee, M. B. Peacock, V. A. Bowes, F. B. Cooper, C. H. Minchin, F. J. Hand, F. Milne, S. L. McCracken, C. Scaife, W. D. King, R. H. Wood.

North Star Chapter, No. 2, Edmonton

Past Principals: A. West, G. L. Tipp (*Proxy*).

Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, Medicine Hat

Past Principal: C. W. Niblock (*Proxy*).

Shekinah Chapter, No. 4, Lethbridge

First Principal: T. H. Davidson. Second Principal: T. Bestwick.
 Third Principal: A. Cherry. Past Principals: J. E. Rannard, W. H. Smith, J. A. Livingstone.

Golden West Chapter, No. 5, High River

Past Principal: W. B. Way.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6, Wetaskiwin

First Principal: J. Callahan.

Bekah Chapter, No. 7, Macleod

First Principal: R. C. Snyder. Past Principals: R. Patterson, S. H. Middleton.

Kether Chapter, No. 8, Pincher Creek

Second Principal: E. C. Finders. Past Principals: J. H. W. S. Kemmis, L. E. Walkey.

Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, Calgary

Second Principal: A. E. Lockett. Third Principal: W. J. Hartrick.
 Past Principals: J. R. Flan, J. Cleave, A. Carr, C. Combs, G. Allen, J. V. Follett, C. T. Valentine, W. Pearson, G. Milligan, F. Bentley.

Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10, Gleichen

Past Principal: L. Michael.

Calgary Chapter, No. 11, Calgary

First Principal: W. Solomon. Past Principals: E. G. Ironside, W. C. Black, A. Davison, T. W. Matthews, Percy Stead, T. S. Jeffery.

Keystone Chapter, No. 12, Red Deer

First Principal: D. P. Cronquist. Second Principal: F. P. Galbraith. Third Principal: D. M. Wright. Past Principals: F. A. Stewart, E. P. Cronquist.

Capital City Chapter, No. 13, Edmonton

First Principal: C. F. Bradford.

Vermilion Chapter, No. 14, Vermilion

First Principal: E. Davies. Past Principals: J. W. G. Morrison, L. G. Dunaway, W. W. Bell.

Hiram Chapter, No. 19, Youngstown

First Principal: E. D. McKellar, Past Principals: J. Rennie, P. A. Davie.

Strathmore Chapter, No. 21, Strathmore

First Principal: S. P. Slater. Past Principals: H. W. B. Bell, W. E. Mercer, O. G. Craig, E. Corbett.

Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22, Didsbury

First Principal: T. N. T. Priest. Past Principals: J. A. McGhee J. L. Clarke.

Coronation Chapter, No. 23, Coronation

First Principal: W. E. Neil. Past Principals: E. C. Locke, R. Taylor.

Crescent Chapter, No. 24, Calgary

Second Principal: J. D. Wilson. Past Principals: M. M. Downey, R. C. Rankin, C. A. MacPherson, F. W. Keyte, J. W. Verge, J. M. Donaldson, J. T. Burns.

Strathcona Chapter, No. 25, Edmonton

Past Principals: H. Sandilands, A. Robinson. (*Proxy*)

Harmony Chapter, No. 26, Bassano

Past Principal: J. R. Flan (*Proxy*).

Ehneyeh Chapter, No. 27, Drumheller

First Principal: C. Christian. Third Principal: J. H. N. Dutton. Past Principals: W. S. Cameron, W. E. G. Anderson, J. G. Harrison, T. Leitch, J. V. Follett.

Hanna Chapter, No. 28, Hanna

First Principal: A. W. Lailey.

David Thompson Chapter, No. 29, Jasper

Past Principal: E. A. Shaw (*Proxy*).

Edson Chapter, No. 30, Edson

Past Principal: F. Mayer.

Five Chapters not represented.

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Twenty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta was opened in AMPLE FORM at 9:45 o'clock a.m., March 20th, 1935.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

M.E. Comp. A. Davison: Companions, our first order of business this morning is the reception of visitors. We have with us today Most Excellent Companion J. F. Irwin, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, and Right Excellent Companion F. E. Doull, Grand Second Principal of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, and I would ask Most Excellent Companion Downey kindly to retire and introduce our visitors.

M. E. Companion M. M. Downey: Most Excellent Sir, as you are fully aware, away back in the early part of the last century, in 1831, there was a big influx of Irishmen to Canada and since that time they have held many prominent positions in this country of ours; in fact I don't know how Canada would have got along without the Irish.

Yesterday morning our good companion from Manitoba called me on the telephone and introduced himself. I told him I was sorry I was not going to be at this Convocation to see him, whereupon he said that he and I were born across the road from each other in Ontario.

We also have with us, besides Most Excellent Companion Irwin, Right Excellent Companion Doull, of Regina, Grand Second Principal of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan. He is not so fortunate as to have Irish blood in him, but he belongs to that good stock which, whether Irish or not, we call Canadian.

They have come here as our guests, and I present them to you for their welcome.

M. E. Companion A. Davison: Most Excellent Companion Irwin and Right Excellent Companion Doull, it is unnecessary for me, I am sure, to assure you that the companions of the Grand Chapter are delighted to welcome you here this morning. It is an indication of the very harmonious and splendid relationship that has always obtained between the Grand Chapters which you represent and our own Grand Chapter. We sincerely trust that during your short stay with us you will have a pleasant and profitable time.

To you, Most Excellent Companion Irwin, I desire again to express my regret that I was unable to attend your annual convocation last February. I desire on behalf of our Companions, to congratulate you on being the ruling head of Royal Arch Masonry in Manitoba, and I express the sincere hope that you will have a most harmonious, prosperous and successful year.

May I also congratulate you, Right Excellent Companion Doull, on being the second in command, as it were, of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan. It was my privilege to meet you at your annual Convocation at Saskatoon a couple of weeks ago. I enjoyed the meeting very much; it was both pleasant and profitable, and I trust you will find similar conditions here.

Companions, we will receive our distinguished companions with Grand Honors. (Grand Honors were given nine times.)

Most Excellent Companion Downey, you will please escort our guests to the East. (The visitors were received with very hearty applause.)

I am sure, Companions, you desire to have a few words from our distinguished visitors, and so I am going to ask Most Excellent Companion Irwin to speak to you for a few moments.

REPLIES OF VISITORS

M. E. Companion J. F. Irwin: Most Excellent Sir and Companions all, I cannot tell you what a privilege and a pleasure it is for me to visit with you and to receive at your hands a fraternal and cordial welcome such as you have extended to me. There are many reasons why I wanted to visit your Grand Chapter at this time; to renew friendships and fraternal greetings.

Years ago, when I worked in Southern Alberta and Southern Saskatchewan, I didn't have the privilege of visiting any Chapters in this jurisdiction. My work was such that it was only on two occasions I had an opportunity to visit a Craft Lodge, but my feeling for you has always been very kindly. I never had such a good time in my life as here.

I would congratulate you, Sir, on a year, almost complete, of service in the highest position of this Grand Chapter; your personality, good-will and ability have succeeded during a year which I know must have been most trying. I know that you have had a great deal of pleasure in your duties this year as well as a great responsibility. I feel a great responsibility myself in entering upon my duties which began in the first week of February.

I had the privilege of meeting you in Saskatoon where I also met Right Excellent Companion Doull. I enjoyed that meeting immensely and I know I will enjoy this, as well as renew the friendship of my boyhood and school days. I hope for you that at this Grand Chapter session you may have a very pleasant, profitable and harmonious meeting and go away imbued with the spirit of Capitular Masonry and with an incentive to greater work and finer spiritual feeling of the Fellowship of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

We in Saskatchewan and Manitoba were instituted in the same year and you are a little older than we. Which reminds me of the story of the man who married a twin sister, one of a pair who were so much alike that it was impossible to tell them apart. (As twins we are visiting with you this morning, Right Excellent Companion Doull and myself.) The story has it that the other twin went to live with this man and his wife, and one day a friend asked him how he could distinguish between the sisters. "I don't," he said, "I just let the twin take care of herself." I feel, from your cordial welcome this morning and the fraternal spirit you have in Alberta, that we will be used as twins and enjoy ourselves; I know I will. Thank you very much.

M. E. Companion A. Davison: Companions, we will now be glad to hear from Right Excellent Companion Doull. Incidentally, this gavel was presented to us some years ago by the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan. Right Excellent Companion Doull has some affiliations in Calgary, because his brother-in-law is R. W. Ward, so there is a double reason for being delighted to have him with us today.

R. E. Companion F. E. Doull: Most Excellent Sir and Companions, I wish to thank you for the very cordial welcome extended to me

and to express my pleasure at being present with you on this occasion. I am also delegated by Most Excellent Companion, Judge Wiley, our own Grand First Principal, to extend to you the warmest fraternal greetings from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Saskatchewan, and to convey to you, Most Excellent Sir, his sincere regrets at being unable to be here with you today because of the very pressing duties of his office.

We appreciate very much the visit which you paid us in Saskatoon at the Convocation of our Grand Chapter, and the splendid message which you brought to us from this Grand Convocation. We felt highly honored that you, the Chief Magistrate of the City of Calgary, should feel it incumbent upon you to lay aside the duties of your office and visit with us, and when Most Excellent Companion Wiley requested that I appear here this morning on his behalf I was delighted to do so, and perhaps I will be repaying in some measure our debt to you.

You have a full day's work ahead of you and I do not desire to make a long speech at this time. I will be delighted to sit amongst you in your deliberations, rejoice as you rejoice and share your sorrows. I do wish, however, to congratulate you on having reached an important milestone in your history. I know that this is your twenty-first anniversary. The coming of age, or reaching majority, in an institution as in an individual, is really an important event and I trust this may mark a forward step on behalf of your Grand Chapter in Capitular Masonry.

I also join Most Excellent Companion Irwin in hoping that this convocation may be a pleasant and profitable one to the companions here assembled.

M. E. Companion A. Davison: Most Excellent Companion Irwin and Right Excellent Companion Doull, we thank you for your very felicitous message and ask you at the first opportunity to convey to your respective Grand Bodies the sincere best wishes of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

M. E. Companion A. Davison: We are to be honored this morning by a visit from Most Worshipful Brother V. A. Bowes, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and I would ask Most Excellent Companion West kindly to retire and introduce this distinguished visitor. I would also ask Most Excellent Companion Downey to retire at this time, as he is the Deputy Grand Master.

M. E. Companion West: Most Excellent Sir, I am sure it gives me a great deal of pleasure to have the honor to introduce to you the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Most Worshipful and Right Excellent Companion V. A. Bowes, accompanied by Most Excellent Companion M. M. Downey, the Deputy Grand Master, and Most Worshipful Brother and Right Excellent Companion J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

M. E. Companion A. Davison: Most Worshipful Brother Bowes, Right Worshipful Brother Downey and Most Worshipful Brother Kemmis, I desire to assure you, on behalf of this Grand Chapter, that we are delighted to have the privilege of welcoming you this morning. To you, Most Worshipful Brother Bowes, and also Right Excellent Companion Bowes, I desire to state that I can imagine no more pleasant function than that of being permitted today to welcome you here, in your capacity, not only of Grand Master of Masons in Alberta, but also as a Right Excellent Companion of this Grand Chapter. Those of us

who have been intimately acquainted with you for the past many years know the excellent service you have rendered to Craft Masonry and to Royal Arch Masonry in this Province. I know I am voicing the sentiments of your legion of friends in the Craft when I say that we realize that the honor which has been conferred upon you has been right well and justly earned. I want to thank you for taking time from your busy day this morning to visit with us.

It is unnecessary, of course, to extend any welcome to Most Excellent Companion Downey as he is well known.

To Right Excellent Companion Kemmis also I want to extend a welcome.

Most Excellent Companion Downey, earlier in our session this morning, commented on the fact that a certain individual he was introducing is Irish. Well, Most Worshipful Brother and Right Excellent Companion Bowes is also Irish.

I want to assure you, Most Worshipful Sir, that we are delighted to have you, and I am going to ask Most Excellent Companion Flan to extend to our visitors the Grand Honors. (The Grand Honors were given nine times.)

Most Excellent Companion West, will you kindly escort our distinguished companion to a seat on my left. (The representatives of the Grand Lodge of Alberta were received with hearty applause.)

M. E. Companion A. Davison: I am sure, Companions, you would like to hear a message from Most Worshipful Brother Bowes who, as I stated before, is also a member of this Grand Chapter. Right Excellent Companion and Most Worshipful Sir, we would be pleased to hear from you at this moment.

M. W. Brother Bowes: Most Excellent Grand First Principal, it is, of course, superfluous for me to say that the spirit of your greeting this morning touches me deeply and I find myself in an awkward position because, as I suppose all the Companions realize, strictly and officially Grand Lodge does not know there is a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons despite the fact that Grand Chapter realizes and recognizes the Grand Lodge.

Nevertheless, as a Royal Arch Mason, I feel it to be a duty to be with you this morning, and I would like to apologize for the fact that during the past few years I have perhaps slipped in my attention as a Royal Arch Mason. However, I feel that the kindly brethren will forgive; not that this Grand Chapter has lost anything by my inattention.

As I have said, I deeply appreciate the way in which you have greeted Right Excellent Companion Kemmis and myself, and I am sure we both wish you most heartily a very successful Convocation of Grand Chapter. I am certain that the reports today will indicate the excellent service that you, Most Excellent Sir, have given to the Royal Craft. I thank you very much indeed for your kind reception.

M. E. Companion A. Davison: Thank you, Most Worshipful Sir. Your visit is an indication of the splendid relations that have always obtained between the Grand Lodge of Alberta on the one hand, and the Grand Chapter of Alberta on the other. May I express to you the hope that your term of office, which has a few months to go, will prove

not only a successful one as far as Grand Lodge is concerned, but a pleasant one to yourself.

A report of progress was submitted by Right Excellent Companion Cyril A. MacPherson, on behalf of the Committee on Credentials.

On the motion of R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, seconded by V. E. Companion Samuel L. McCracken, it was

RESOLVED, that the reading of the Minutes of the last Convocation be dispensed with, they having been printed and distributed to the Chapters and others, and that the recorded Minutes be considered and read and the same be now confirmed.

ADDRESS

of the

Grand First Principal

Calgary, March 13th, 1935.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter
of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

My Companions:

In welcoming you to this annual convocation of our Grand Chapter I am privileged to do so in a dual capacity; first as your Grand First Principal and second as Mayor of the City of Calgary. This is probably the first time in the history of our Grand Chapter that this condition has obtained.

As Grand First Principal I desire to extend fraternal greetings and well wishes, with the sincere hope that our deliberations will be marked by that harmony and co-operation that have always characterized our annual gatherings.

Addressing you as the Chief Magistrate of "The Sunshine City of the Foothills," I hasten to assure you that you are very welcome indeed. Freemasonry is held in high esteem by our people. They are fully cognizant of the excellent work being carried on by all branches of our great Order. I know I am expressing their sentiments when I inform you that they are delighted to have so many visitors from outside points. I extend the freedom of the city to you. May your all too short sojourn within our gates be both pleasant and profitable and may you return to your homes feeling glad you had the opportunity of visiting and fraternizing with us.

Companions, I am sure it is unnecessary to draw to your attention the fact that this is our Twenty-first Annual Convocation. Today we are of age.

On May 29th, 1914, this Grand Chapter was organized in Calgary with the late M. E. Companion S. Y. Taylor as Grand First Principal Z. and M. E. Companion M. M. Downey as Grand Scribe E. The first annual convocation was held in Edmonton on March 10th, 1915. There were 22 Companions present representing the seven Chapters which constituted this Grand Body, with 34 votes. Our membership stood at 775.

Today we can look over those 21 years with no little pride and satisfaction. It is true that for some time after our organization we were beset by many trials and tribulations. These were successfully overcome and until the world-wide depression struck us we were able to report steady progress year by year.

Some of the splendid Companions who assisted in the organization of our Grand Chapter have laid down the working tools of life. Others have grown grey in our service but have not grown weary in well doing. To all of them we owe a debt of gratitude. May the Great Architect of the Universe vouchsafe for us in the days that are to come the same unselfish leadership, the same harmony, the same brotherly love and the same unswerving and unselfish devotion to the principles of our Order that have characterized the past two decades of our history.

And in the words of Myrtle A. Aldrich may our prayer be

*"When I have gathered all the fresh, sweet bloom of youth,
And stand upon life's hilltop, looking back;
When I have sounded deeps of clear unfettered truth
Have left some hopes, some dreams, along my track;
May Peace her cloak of white about me fold,
And Love hold fast my hand as I grow old.
When down the western slope of time I take my way,
And leaves of autumn rustle 'neath my feet;
May I recall with quiet joy life's glad young May,
When dreams were real, and days were long and sweet,
Keep me, O God, from growing hard and cold,
For, oh! I would be young when I grow old."*

When I accepted the office of Grand First Principal one year ago, I must confess I did so with some misgivings. I realized that coincident with my duties as ruling head of the Royal Craft in Alberta, I also would be endeavoring to the best of my ability to carry on the onerous and trying work of Mayor of Calgary. Under the conditions which prevailed during the past twelve months, I found it impossible to give as much time as I would have liked to the work of our Craft.

I feel sure the Companions will overlook my shortcomings in this connection. After all, I believe you will agree that those members of our Craft who are in public life today are discharging a real Masonic duty—that of being good citizens—by assuming some of the responsibilities of citizenship in a very practical way.

CONDITION OF CRAFT

It is gratifying to be able to report that all our Chapters are in good working order. Most of the credit for this condition is due the Companions themselves and to the work of our Grand Superintendents. I feel I was most fortunate in having six such splendid representatives as R. E. Companion G. L. Tipp, of District No. 1; R. E. Companion Chas. E. Sowden, District No. 2; R. E. Companion Frank W. Keyte, District No. 3; R. E. Companion Charles Scaife, District No. 4; R. E. Companion L. W. Walkey, M.D., District No. 5, and R. E. Companion George Rait, District No. 6. I have great pleasure in recommending that the rank of Past Grand Superintendents be conferred on these Companions in token of the excellent work performed by them during their year of office.

A perusal of the report of our Grand Scribe E. will reveal a net loss for the year of 149, compared with 234 for the previous year. This is an indication, it seems to me, that we have probably passed the low point in this depression and that from now on there will be a gradual, if slow, improvement. I am firmly convinced that once economic conditions have returned to normal, our Craft will be among the first to recover.

Realizing the necessity of conserving our financial resources, an earnest effort was made to conduct our affairs as economically as pos-

sible. As a result, we finish the year with a fairly healthy cash surplus, despite a reduction in income.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

It was my good fortune to be able to attend all the annual meetings of our districts. In each and every instance I was received with the honors due the ruling head of the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction. It was gratifying to note the spirit of optimism and hope which characterized the reports received from the various Chapters. Even in districts where crop failures have been the rule rather than the exception, the Companions displayed a never-say-die attitude which was commendable and which augurs well for the future.

At each meeting I was accompanied by sitting and past Grand Chapter officers, including several of our Past Grand First Principals. All arrangements were in the hands of the Grand Superintendents. Everything possible was done to ensure successful gatherings. The attendance in each instance was good and the visitors were royally entertained.

The District meetings were held on the following dates:

District No. 5—Wednesday, October 10th, at Pincher Creek.

District No. 2—Friday, October 26th, at Hanna.

Districts Nos. 1 and 6—Saturday, November 3rd, at Edmonton.

Districts Nos. 3 and 4—Thursday, November 22nd, at Calgary.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS-ELECT

Following our usual custom, the incoming Grand Superintendent was elected by each district at these meetings. I take much pleasure in recommending that the election of the following be confirmed:

District No. 1—V. E. Companion H. C. Neal, of Strathcona Chapter, No. 25, Edmonton.

District No. 2—V. E. Companion P. A. Davie, Hiram Chapter, No. 19, Youngstown.

District No. 3—V. E. Companion Dr. J. L. Clarke, Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22, Didsbury.

District No. 4—E. Companion E. Corbett, Strathmore Chapter, No. 21, Strathmore.

District No. 5—E. Companion W. H. Smith, Shekinah Chapter, No. 4, Lethbridge.

District No. 6—E. Companion Frank Mayer, Edson Chapter, No. 30, Edson.

In addition to attending the annual District meetings, it was my privilege to be invited to several meetings of various subordinate Chapters and other functions, all of which I thoroughly enjoyed. I also was present at the installation ceremonies of three of the Calgary Chapters, viz., Alberta, No. 1; Otuskwan, No. 9, and Calgary, No. 11.

With reference to our Chapter meetings generally, it was gratifying to note that interesting talks on Masonic and other subjects were features of many gatherings. Moreover, a goodly number of our Chapters held many social evenings, thereby maintaining the interest

of their members at meetings when only routine business was the order of the day.

VISITATIONS TO OTHER GRAND BODIES

On February 27th I attended the Twelfth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon and received a most kindly and hospitable welcome. There was a very good attendance of members from all over the province. In addition M. E. Companion F. Irwin, Grand First Principal Z. of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, was also present.

I was much impressed with the excellence of the reports of the Grand Superintendents of the various districts. They indicated a strict attention to duty which was most commendable. Our Companions in the rural sections of Saskatchewan have labored under handicaps of drought, hail and grasshoppers to an even more serious extent than our own province, during the past three or four years. Despite these drawbacks, all Chapters were reported to be in good shape. As was to be expected there was a decrease in membership, but considerably less than for the previous year. The Grand Chapter is in good shape financially and balanced its budget for the year. M. E. Companion E. J. Coster is to be congratulated on the splendid work he performed during his term. His Honor Judge E. R. Wylie, of Estevan, was named Grand First Principal Z. As a distinguished member of the Saskatchewan bench and as an earnest and sincere Mason he will bring to this office those qualities of mind and heart which are so necessary and essential in times of stress and uncertainty.

The good Companions of Saskatchewan saw fit to confer on M. E. Companion Irwin and myself the rank of Honorary Past Grand First Principals, a preferment which we both appreciate very much.

I had all arrangements made to attend the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba but at the last minute I had to cancel them due to pressing work in connection with the conference of Western Mayors in Calgary, of which I happened to be the Chairman. However, I forwarded my regrets. I am hoping that in the not too distant future I may have the privilege of fraternizing with the members of this Grand Chapter.

Due to the kindness of M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside, our Grand Chapter was represented at the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, at Vancouver, on June 20th. He reports as follows:

"Dear Friend and M. Ex. Comp.:

"It is with much pleasure that I inform you that I acted as your representative, in attending the Annual Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia, at Vancouver, on June 20th.

"I was introduced by M. Ex. Comp. Donald Adams, who, as you know, is an Honorary Member of our Grand Chapter, and was accorded the usual Grand Honors.

"I found that this Grand Chapter was having much the same difficulties and problems that Alberta has, and it was very interesting to get the viewpoint of our Companions beyond the Rockies.

"It was a very pleasant occasion for me and one I shall long remember.

"The Grand Lodge of British Columbia was meeting at Powell River on the following day.

"I wish to thank you for the honor of representing you there, and trust that my presence was such as to maintain the dignity of our Grand Chapter and to cement the bonds of good fellowship that exist between us and our neighbor on the Pacific Coast.

"Yours fraternally,

"EDWIN G. IRONSIDE, P.G.Z."

Our sincere thanks are due M. E. Companion Ironside for his thoughtfulness in this connection.

While in Vancouver on a short holiday last October, I had the pleasure of being entertained by M. E. Companion A. M. Manson, Grand Z., and R. E. Companion J. W. Prescott, Grand Scribe E. They proved charming and ideal hosts and under their leadership our sister Grand Chapter will undoubtedly enjoy a successful year.

The Grand Chapter of Canada in Ontario met at Kitchener on February 26th and 27th. It was my good fortune to be able to arrange for our representative near that Grand Body to officially represent me, for which I extend my sincere thanks. R. E. Companion John M. Empey, of Mitchell, Ont., formerly of Calgary, is the Companion in question, and he reports as follows:

"Most Excellent Sir:

"I beg to report that I had the pleasure of attending the Grand Chapter of Canada at Kitchener, Ont., on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 26th and 27th, as your representative, and as such was royally received. It was a very successful convocation there being about 600 delegates present. The convocation was very harmonious and the usual business was dispatched in usual good form.

"By command of the Grand First Principal I am conveying to you and the Grand Chapter of Alberta their greetings and very best wishes for a prosperous and harmonious year. This Grand Chapter like other Masonic bodies has lost many members during the past year, by death, withdrawals and suspensions; but we are not in the least discouraged and are looking forward to the time when the sun will come out from behind the clouds and things are moving forward in the old way.

"Your representative was honored by being elected to the Grand Executive Council. There were 18 running and five elected. In future I shall be glad to perform any duties you may allot.

"Yours fraternally,

"JOHN M. EMPEY."

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

The following dispensations were granted during the year:

Alberta, No. 1—To elect a Scribe E. at the April convocation.

Mount Olivet, No. 17—To install and invest the Second Principal and Principal Sojourner out of time.

Mount Horeb, No. 6—To confer the Degrees of M.M.M. and M.E.M. in the lodge room at Bashaw.

To install out of time.

Shekinah, No. 4—To hold the regular convocation, Wednesday, October 10th, at 5 o'clock p.m.

Kether, No. 8—To change the date of the regular convocation from the 18th of October to the 10th.

Eheye, No. 27—To instal Companion Nichol as Second Principal H., he not having served as Third Principal J.

Golden West, No. 5—To change the date of the regular convocation from December 25th to December 18th.

Keystone, No. 12—To elect and install the officers at the regular convocation in January.

Strathmore, No. 21—To install Companion Pattison, as Second Principal H., he not having served as Third Principal J.

Otuskwana, No. 9—To hold a joint installation with Calgary, No. 11, in the King George Masonic Hall.

Coronation, No. 23—To hold their regular convocation on the fourth Tuesday and to elect and install on that date.

Coronation, No. 23—To install E. Companion Neil as First Principal Z., he not having served as Second Principal H.

Golden West, No. 5—To install Companion Clemens as Second Principal H., he not having served as Third Principal J.

Norwood, No. 18—To hold a joint installation with Capital City, No. 13, in the Central Masonic Temple.

Edson, No. 30—To install as First Principal Z. E. Companion Wilson, he not having served as Second Principal H.

Harmony, No. 26—To install the officers out of time and to install Companion McKee as Second Principal H., he not having served as Third Principal J.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS APPROVED

Alberta No. 1—

Amending By-law No. 6 re salary of Scribe E.

Fee for Tyler reduced.

Deleting Sec. 15, changing the word "Trust" to "Reserve Fund," Sec. 8.

By-law No. 7. Adding Scribe N. to Executive Committee.

Sec. B of By-law 10. Substituting the months of October, November and December for February, March and April.

Assiniboia, No. 3—

Approving of new By-laws.

Keystone, No. 12—

Changing date of regular convocation from Third Thursday to the Fourth Tuesday.

Stratheona, No. 25—

Changing date of regular convocation from First Friday to the Third Thursday.

Coronation, No. 23—

Changing date of regular convocation from Third Thursday to Fourth Tuesday.

Reducing fee for Exaltation to \$35.00 and Annual dues to \$3.00.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

On checking over the list of Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions near the Grand Chapter of Alberta I found several vacancies with some others inactive. I therefore made the following new appointments:

Arkansas—R. E. Companion W. H. Scott, D.D.S.
 Minnesota—V. E. Companion J. L. Clarke, M.D.
 Nevada—V. E. Companion O. J. Barker.
 New Hampshire—V. E. Companion F. Milne
 New Zealand—R. E. Companion A. Riddick.
 Pennsylvania—R. E. Companion H. W. Ford.
 Tennessee—R. E. Companion C. T. Valentine.
 Texas—R. E. Companion A. Carr.
 Victoria—R. E. Companion A. G. B. Lewis.
 Virginia—R. E. Companion W. W. Pratt.
 Wyoming—V. E. Companion W. W. Bell, M.D.

I also approved of the following appointments of representatives of this Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters:

Michigan—Companion Walter E. Zimmer.
 New York—Companion Richard Shepard.
 Pennsylvania—Companion Wesley R. Roe.
 Wisconsin—Companion Alvin B. Haumerson.

Companions, today we are living in a topsy-turvy world—in an age of paradoxes. For five years this old earth of ours has been in its most chaotic state in modern times. Discontent and confusion have been, and still are, rampant in every civilized land. Experiments of one kind and another have been, and still are being tried, governmentally, financially and industrially, to alleviate the conditions, but all, up to the present, have failed, so that at the end of five years our political, financial and industrial leaders stand nonplussed and confused at the conditions which confront them. We see on all sides a state of poverty and want in the midst of plenty. We observe in this so-called democratic age in many countries a rapid and alarming increase in dictatorships, where certain individuals, such as Hitler, Stalin and Mussolini, have arrogated to themselves powers and prerogatives that even exceed those that were possessed by kings and potentates of less enlightened times, and with no particular protest from the classes and masses of their respective countries, for the time being at least.

We read with many misgivings and much wonderment, accounts of huge armies in the making, of increased governmental votes for national defence by all the leading nations of the world, of the latest fiendish inventions to be used in the next great war, and at the same time note that the League of Nations still meets at Geneva and at least is going through the motions of trying to bring order out of chaos and keep peace in the great family of nations.

All of which is very confusing. Common ordinary individuals like ourselves can be forgiven if from day to day we live in a state of bewilderment and dread.

There is no doubt about it, Democracy is now on trial. The general breakdown in our economic machinery, the existence of paradoxical conditions, some of which I have already enumerated, and the world-wide feeling of suspicion and distrust, have all tended, and are tending, to force people to some other form of government, on the assumption, I presume, that conditions cannot be any worse than those which they now have to endure.

While here in Canada we have been fortunate in experiencing no serious outbreaks against the established order of government, which to my mind is a tribute to the innate good sense of our people, the fact remains that should another holocaust strike the world it will undoubtedly have its repercussions on our own country, just as it did in 1914, and possibly to a greater degree. In this day and generation there is no such thing as complete national isolation. With advances in transportation methods, with the ever-increasing circulation of the daily newspaper, and with the perfecting of wireless and radio and their universal use, the various integral units of this old world have been brought into such close contact that any happening, untoward or otherwise, in some leading country, has immediate effects in other lands, no matter how far removed.

I think it is generally recognized among our members that Freemasonry is the very essence of democracy. We do not accept a man as a member solely because of his worldly wealth or his social standing. These are merely incidents. The tongue of good report is the deciding factor. As a result, we are proud to number within our ranks not only men of prominence and affluence, but also those from the humblest walks of life. And they all meet on the level and part on the square. Moreover, we also claim, and rightfully so, that the sun is always at its meridian with respect to Freemasonry. In other words, that we are a world-wide organization.

In view of these facts, I believe that with proper leadership and proper organization Freemasonry can play, and should play, some part in the solving of these world difficulties. Not long ago we had a wonderful example of a united Freemasonry, in the dedication of the new temple in London, England. Thousands of Masons, many of them prominent in national and international affairs, attended this remarkable gathering from the four corners of the earth. And peace and amity prevailed.

Why could not a similar gathering be held to give thought to world-wide problems?—problems which unless they are speedily solved, may imperil the very existence of our present-day civilization. Surely an institution that numbers within its ranks some of the most distinguished statesmen, jurists, professional men, business men, industrialists, and representatives of organized labor, not only of our own great Empire, but of many other countries as well, is ideally constituted to perform a task of this kind? I recognize there are those who will argue that such a service, however commendable, cannot be rendered, due to its political implications. I question it.

The viewpoint and outlook of Freemasonry today are entirely different, I believe, to what they were two or three generations ago. More and more we are beginning to realize that we can and should be a beneficial factor in the life of our country and of the world generally, and not live entirely unto ourselves. In making this statement I am

not suggesting that Freemasonry has not justified its existence in the past. Far from it. But the old order changeth, and Freemasonry, too, must change and is changing.

Eloquent orations on the obligations of citizenship, however sincere, are poor solace to the unemployed man who has a wife and family to support without the wherewithal to do so. Perorations about proper ethics in business are mere fantasies when one reads daily of the predatory character of some branches of our industrial concerns. Talks on the value of co-operation sound somewhat ridiculous when one realizes the wide gulf that still exists between Capital and Labor and between the various parties which compose the political machinery of all the leading nations of the earth.

In my humble opinion, and I trust you will agree with me, what we stand most in need of in this year of our Lord is a greater application by all the nations of the earth and by all the peoples of those benevolent and righteous principles upon which our order was founded. If we would only use the Golden Rule as the yardstick by which to measure and regulate our lives and conduct, what a wonderful world this would be!

As Freemasons, both individually and collectively, I feel that it is our duty to exert every possible influence in this direction, and in doing so we will make a contribution in our day that will cause generations yet unborn to rise and call us blessed. So let us be up and doing.

“What makes a country really great?
Nor lands nor forts nor gold nor dress.
But citizens whose lives are set
To service and to righteousness.

“A mansion cannot make a home,
Nor Nature's dower make a state;
The greatness of her sons alone
Can make a country really great.

“That is, indeed, a goodly land,
Happy and strong and beautiful,
Where each promotes the public good
And all are brave and dutiful.

“God speed the day in every land,
When selfishness and discontent
Shall yield to brotherhood, and all
Shall seek the common betterment.”

—A. L. Crawley.

Companions, my year of office as your Grand First Principal is almost over. It has been a very wonderful experience. I am sure as charitable brethren you will overlook and forgive any shortcomings I have displayed during the past twelve months. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve you, even if somewhat inadequately. To all those who assisted me, I proffer my heartfelt thanks. For fear that I might overlook some who are deserving of praise, I will not mention any particular individuals.

One of the things that appeals to me in Freemasonry is the opportunity that we are all afforded of making friends. Not fair weather friends, but Brethren and Companions who are prepared to stand by you in good times and in bad, in sunshine and in shadow.

As an ancient writer once said:

"A faithful friend is a strong defence, and he that found him hath found a treasure. There is nothing that can be taken in exchange for a faithful friend, and his excellence is beyond price."

To all my faithful friends in this grand jurisdiction I say, "Thank you" for the many honors you have conferred on me. May the Most High continue to shower upon all of you His many blessings. And may the years that are to come hold much in store for the excellent Companions of this Grand Chapter.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

ANDREW DAVISON,
Grand First Principal.

At the conclusion of this address the assembled Companions with one impulse broke into spontaneous and hearty applause.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Archibald West, seconded by M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, it was.

RESOLVED, that the address of the Most Excellent Grand First Principal be referred to the Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address, with the exception of that portion relating to the past rank of Grand Superintendents, which should be referred to the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry.

No report was found necessary by the Committee on Warrants.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand First Principal then requested Grand Scribe E. to call the roll of Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Chapters, and the following companions were assembled before the altar by the Grand Director of Ceremonies; and duly welcomed by the Grand First Principal:

R. E. Companion F. B. Cooper, Arizona.
 R. E. Companion H. Sandilands, British Columbia.
 R. E. Companion M. B. Peacock, California.
 R. E. Companion W. E. G. Anderson, Colorado.
 M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, District of Columbia.
 R. E. Companion R. C. Rankin, Illinois.
 M. E. Companion A. West, Indiana.
 V. E. Companion J. Livingstone, Iowa.
 R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, Ireland.
 R. E. Companion W. S. Cameron, Kentucky.
 R. E. Companion E. A. Shaw, Louisiana.
 M. E. Companion F. S. Selwood, Maine.
 R. E. Companion W. E. Mercer, Maryland.
 R. E. Companion W. B. Way, Massachusetts.
 M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, Michigan.
 V. E. Companion A. Robinson, Mississippi.
 R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson, Missouri.
 R. E. Companion J. Cleave, Montana.
 M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside, Nebraska.
 R. E. Companion G. L. Tipp, New Mexico.
 M. E. Companion J. V. Follett, Oklahoma.
 M. E. Companion J. A. McGhee, Oregon.
 M. E. Companion A. Davison, Saskatchewan.
 M. E. Companion S. H. Middleton, Scotland.
 V. E. Companion S. L. McCracken, South Carolina.
 R. E. Companion H. W. B. Bell, South Dakota.
 R. E. Companion C. T. Valentine, Tennessee.
 R. E. Companion A. Carr, Texas.
 R. E. Companion W. C. Black, Utah.
 M. E. Companion M. M. Downey, Vermont.
 R. E. Companion L. W. Walkey, Washington.
 R. E. Companion F. J. Hand, West Virginia.
 V. E. Companion W. W. Bell, Wyoming.

The greetings of the Grand Chapters represented were expressed by the respective Representatives, and R. E. Companion Walter E. Mercer, speaking on behalf of the Representatives present said

Most Excellent Sir, on behalf of the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions, may I express to you our great appreciation of the reception accorded the Representatives of these Grand Bodies. We extend to you most sincere wishes for an enjoyable Convocation and a successful year to come.

M. E. Companion A. Davison: Thank you. The splendid attendance of Grand Representatives here this morning is most gratifying. I thank you for your felicitous greetings, and would personally ask each and every one of you, at the close of this Convocation, to correspond

with the particular Grand Chapter you represent and convey to it our fraternal greetings and good wishes for a most successful and prosperous year.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters expressing regret at their inability to be present and conveying fraternal greetings and best wishes for a successful Convocation were read from: M. E. Companions J. E. Johnson, W. T. Coote, G. B. McLeod; R. E. Companions Geo. Syme, J. W. Prescott, Geo. Rait, J. H. Richardson, P. Fielding; V. E. Companion O. J. Barker; and Grand Representatives Companions L. W. Semenza, A. E. Haumer-son, W. R. Roe, W. E. Zimmer.

Telegrams were received from R. E. Companion G. F. Butler, and R. E. Companion W. H. Hiscocks.

On the suggestion of M. E. Companion A. Davison, it was

AGREED, that the reading of the reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts be dispensed with and that the reports be turned in to Grand Scribe E, accompanied at this time by such remarks as the Grand Superintendents might wish to make.

Reports were then submitted by:

R. E. Companion G. L. Tipp.....	District No. 1
R. E. Companion C. E. Sowden.....	District No. 2
R. E. Companion F. Keyte.....	District No. 3
R. E. Companion C. Scaife.....	District No. 4
R. E. Companion L. W. Walkey.....	District No. 5
R. E. Companion G. Rait.....	District No. 6

Grand Superintendents' Reports

Edmonton, Alberta, February 4th, 1935.

DISTRICT No. 1

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor to submit for your approval my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 1.

My official visits were as follows;

North Star Chapter, No. 2.—My first visit was to this, my Mother Chapter on the evening of May 8th. I was accompanied by M. E. Companion West, R. E. Companions Sandilands, Rait, Orr, Hill, Riddick, McIntosh, Baxter, Richardson and McCurdy, and V. E. Companion Hope. The attendance was very large and representative of the four Edmonton Chapters, the occasion being the presentation of the Royal Arch Degree by the sitting First Principals of the three sister Chapters, E. Companions McWhirter, Dunn and Walker respectively acting as First, Second and Third Principals. This was enjoyed by all. After closing, an enjoyable luncheon ended a harmonious evening.

Strathcona Chapter, No. 25. I attended all the meetings of this Chapter during the year, and made an official visit on June 1st, when a very hearty reception was accorded me and my escort, R. E. Companions Sandilands, Orr, Elliott and V. E. Companion Barker. The M.E.M. degree was conferred by the officers with dignity and precision.

Vermilion Chapter, No. 14.—I was present at the regular meeting on the evening of July 10th, accompanied by R. E. Companions Sandilands and E. Companion Sharp. The Royal Arch Degree was exemplified by E. Companion Harry Scott and his officers. A very pleasant luncheon followed.

Joint District Convocation of Districts Nos. 1 and 6—The officers of Capital City Chapter opened the Convocation. Following the introduction of the Grand Superintendents by E. Companion Dunn, R. E. Companion Rait requested me to retire and introduce the Grand Council and their escort, and it was an honor and pleasure to introduce to the companions (and all the Chapters of the two Districts were represented) M. E. Companion A. Davison, R. E. Companions Mercer, Sandilands and MacPherson, and M. E. Companions Flan, Downey and West. Grand Honors having been accorded and greetings exchanged, the Grand First Principal requested R. E. Companion Rait to proceed with the business. M. E. Companion Flan, in his inimitable manner, answered a great number of questions and gave satisfactory demonstrations to the enquiring companions. V. E. Companion Harry Neal was elected Grand Superintendent for the ensuing year. The Grand First Principal's address was masterly and full of inspiration and instruction. The Convocation was closed in harmony, and a splendid luncheon terminated an instructive evening.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6.--When I visited this Chapter, there were about twenty-five Companions from the Edmonton Chapters paying a fraternal visit, to witness the demonstration in the Royal Arch Degree on a candidate of Mount Horeb Chapter. I was accompanied by M. E. Companion Coote, R. E. Companions Sandilands, Rait, Hill, McIntosh, Elliott and McCurdy, and V. E. Companions Barker and Clevely. The regular business of the Chapter being finished, it was called off and opened with the following officers: E. Companions McWhirter, Z.; Hill, I.P.Z.; Dunn, H.; Walker, J.; Barker, S.E.; Thorn, S.E.; Bradford, P.S.; Companions Collins, S.S.; Glen, J.S.; Gray, 3rd Veil; Ebdon, 2nd Veil; Hutchison, 1st Veil, and Jordon, organist. The Royal Arch Degree was conferred in a most impressive manner. The evening ended agreeably with a luncheon and an exchange of greetings.

On the evening of November 13th, accompanied by R. E. Companion Rait and others, I visited Edson, and received a hearty reception from the Companions.

I have not received any notices from Mount Olivet Chapter, of Killam, and have written Scribe E. for some report of their activities for the year but have had no reply.

From my observations during the year, I am satisfied that the Chapters are well officered and in fair financial condition. With a little more support from the companions generally, greater progress would be made.

In conclusion, I thank the Companions of District No. 1 for electing me to this high and honourable office. I have striven to be worthy of their confidence. I especially thank the Companions who supported and advised me on many occasions. For my successor, V. E. Companion Harry Neale, I would ask a continuance of the support and companionship which have made my task a pleasure.

Fraternally submitted,

G. LYNN TIPP,
Grand Superintendent, District No. 1.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Hanna, Alberta, March 2nd, 1935

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I beg to submit for your approval my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 2.

I regret that I cannot report any notable increase in membership. Capitular Masonry in this District, considering the strenuous times through which we are passing, is in very fair condition, and the Chapters realize the necessity for rigid economy.

There was some misunderstanding regarding Coronation Chapter, No. 23, who felt the necessity of surrendering their Charter. With R. E. Companion Odell, E. Companion Fearnough and Companion

Bond, I met a committee appointed by Coronation Chapter at Coronation during May, when we fully discussed the affairs of this Chapter; again, at the regular District Meeting held October 26th at Hanna, representatives of Coronation Chapter had a further discussion with the Grand Officers. I am pleased to report that since these meetings Coronation Chapter has received applications for five affiliations, and prospects are more encouraging.

Accompanied by R. E. Companion Odell, E. Companions Wylie and Fearnough and Companion Bond, I paid my official visit to Hiram Chapter, No. 9, at Youngstown, at their regular Convocation for June. A good number of members were present. No degree work was done. The condition of this Chapter is good, though its membership has decreased owing to removals from the district. With a return to normal conditions this Chapter should continue to prosper.

I paid an official visit to Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27, at Drumheller at the regular June Convocation. A very good attendance. The M.M. Degree was exemplified very efficiently and was greatly appreciated. The officers are very proficient. After the meeting, a very enjoyable banquet was held. This Chapter is very active and should have no worries for the future.

Hanna Chapter being my home Chapter, I did not make an official visit, but I have been a regular attendant. The membership has decreased slightly and no new applications were received during the year. The officers are very efficient in their work, and with a return to more prosperous times, this Chapter should hold a creditable position in the district.

Although the attendance throughout the district could be better, I am at a loss to make any suggestions to bring about an improvement. All the Chapters are doing their utmost to improve this condition.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the companions of District No. 2 for electing me to the high office of Grand Superintendent. I also express my gratitude to R. E. Companion Odell, E. Companions Wyle and Fearnough and Companion Bond for their helpful and valued support.

Fraternally submitted,

C. E. SOWDEN,
Grand Superintendent, District No. 2.

DISTRICT No. 3

Calgary, Alberta, February, 1935.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 3.

At the Regular Convocation of Crescent Chapter, No. 24, on April 2nd, I had the pleasure of investing R. E. Companion Donaldson as Grand Principal Sojourner, he having been elected to that office at the Grand Chapter Convocation in Edmonton. E. Companion C. C. G. Duthie acted as D. of C. There was a fine attendance of members.

On April 11th, I accompanied the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal to Calgary Chapter, No. 11, where he installed R. E. Companion C. Scaife as Grand Superintendent of District No. 4, and invested V. E. Companion G. F. Milligan, of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, as Grand Senior Sojourner and V. E. Companion T. Matthews, of Calgary Chapter, No. 9, as Grand Junior Sojourner. M. E. Companion J. Flan acted as Grand D. of C. The M.E.M. Degree was conferred in a very pleasing manner in the presence of a large gathering of members.

On May 2nd, I paid an official visit to Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22, at Didsbury. Accompanying me were R. E. Companions MacPherson, Donaldson, Rankin and Verge; V. E. Companion Matthews, E. Companions Burns and Duthie, and several City Chapter companions. This Chapter has very fine officers. There was no degree work, but the business of the evening was done with dispatch, proving the efficiency of the S.E. Examining the books and records, I found they had been kept in a splendid manner; with V. E. Companion Dr. Clark as S.E. it could not be otherwise.

On May 9th, I officially visited Calgary Chapter, No. 11. With me were R. E. Companion Donaldson, V. E. Companion Matthews, E. Companion Duthie, and several members of the City Chapters. The H.R.A. Degree was conferred impressively, and the work of the Veilsmen was splendid, the manner in which the Principal Sojourner, Companion Burroughs, performed his duty being noteworthy. Earlier in the year the conferring of the degrees of M.M.M. and M.E.M. on this candidate had been splendidly done. The business of this Chapter is done efficiently. In common with many other Chapters, the amount of "unpaid dues" is regrettably large. I hope this matter will be attended to.

On May 22nd I paid my official visit to Golden West Chapter, No. 5, at High River, R. E. Companions Verge, Rankin and Donaldson, and V. E. Companion Chesney and E. Companions Duthie, Jenkins and Burns accompanying me. The Second and Third Principals and the P.S. were absent. R. E. Companion Verge acted as Second Principal, E. Companion Jenkins as Third Principal, and E. Companion Burns as P.S.—it almost seemed I was at a convocation of my own Chapter. The members of this Chapter are mostly farmers; many of them, being on the land, could not attend. There was no degree work but the business was well done. The books of this Chapter reflect credit on R. E. Companion Way, S.E. "Unpaid dues" are large in amount, perhaps with better prices for farm produce and improved weather conditions this trouble will disappear.

My next official visit was to Keystone Chapter, No 12, at Red Deer, on June 21st. This Chapter is well officered and a fine spirit of companionship is shown by the members. Although the attendance was not large the convocation was very pleasant, and the business creditably done. V. E. Companion Ayres is an efficient S.E. We went very fully into the matter of "unpaid dues." There was no degree work but the H.R.A. was to be conferred at the next convocation. This Chapter has a promising future.

On October 18th, I made another official visit—to Banff Chapter, No. 20. V. E. Companion Chesney was with me. This Chapter has only one Lodge to draw from, and is to be congratulated upon its fine standing. A proper spirit of loyalty pervades its members. After the business, the Chapter was called off and a Lodge of M.M.M. opened and the M.M.M. Degree excellently conferred on a candidate. I con-

gratulate Banff Chapter on having a splendid slate of officers who do their work efficiently. Degree work over, Chapter was resumed when I spoke and answered questions. The dues problem does not appear to cause them any concern.

On October 22nd, with M. E. Companions Follett and Ironside, R. E. Companions Scaife, MacPherson and Donaldson and several Companions of the City Chapters I visited Golden West Chapter at High River. Being their annual "Game Dinner," there was a large turnout of members, which was doubtless gratifying to the E. First Principal, E. Companion Roney. All seemed to do justice to the fare, and the committee in charge are to be congratulated. After the festivities we adjourned to the Chapter Room where the Chapter was opened. Business being concluded, addresses were given by myself and City Chapter companions. The closing of the Chapter brought to a close a very pleasant evening.

The Joint District Meeting and Chapter of Instruction for Districts Nos. 3 and 4 was held in the King George Masonic Hall, Calgary, on November 22nd, at 7:30 p.m. The Chapter was opened by the officers of Calgary Chapter, No. 11, after which the Grand Superintendents of the two Districts were officially received and heartily welcomed by the Excellent First Principal, E. Companion T. S. Jeffery.

As it had been arranged that I should take charge of the meeting I then took the chair and directed R. E. Companions Rankin and Valentine to retire and introduce the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Most Excellent Companion A. Davison, which being done, the M. E. Companion was given the Grand Honours and escorted to the East where he was tendered the Sceptre. (Accompanying the M. E. Companion were other Grand Chapter officers.) Having expressed his gratification for the fine welcome he returned the Sceptre and requested that the business be proceeded with.

The Minutes of the last District Meeting and Chapter of Instruction having been read and confirmed, V. E. Companion Dr. J. L. Clarke, of Joseph Stauffer Chapter, Didsbury, was elected Grand Superintendant for 1935. The Most Excellent Z. then addressed the meeting and received a splendid ovation at the conclusion of his speech, following which R. E. Companion J. W. Verge spoke on "Some Conceptions of Masonry." and was listened to attentively and appreciatively. The District Meeting business being concluded, the Joint Chapter of Instruction was proceeded with. As no questions had been sent in, the Joint District Meeting and Chapter of Instruction was then brought to a close, the Chapter being closed by the officers of Strathmore Chapter, No. 21.

A pleasant time followed in the Banquet Room, the toastmaster R. E. Companion C. Scaife, keeping everyone joyous with his fine, dry humor.

I wish to thank R. E. Companion F. J. Hand for his kindness in acting as S.E., and also E. Companion T. S. Jeffery and his officers for the fine manner in which they arranged the proceedings.

On December 3rd I officially visited my Chapter, Crescent, No. 24. The Grand S.E., and R. E. Companion Donaldson as well as several of the City Chapters accompanied me. The business was the Installation of Officers, R. E. Companion Donaldson as installing officer and was assisted by other officers. Called upon to address the companions, I reviewed conditions as I had observed them in the various Chapters.

Being S.E. of this Chapter I may state that though at the beginning of the year, "unpaid dues" were large, in the first two months nearly all arrearages had been cleaned up and at the end of the year only \$59.00 was outstanding. In common with other Scribes E., I often wonder if there ever will come a time when a Chapter will be able to report "no dues owing." This Chapter has a fine body of officers and Past Principals, which is as it should be.

The M.M.M., the M.E.M. and the H.R.A. Degrees were exemplified with Companion Sinclair acting as the candidate. This exemplifying practice is good for the officers and keeps the members interested.

I desire to thank the members of the various Chapters whose many acts of thoughtfulness made my visitations a pleasure. To V. E. Companion Chesney and E. Companion Duthie I express appreciation for assistance. Finally to the companions of District No. 3 I tender my sincere thanks for having had the opportunity to serve them as well as Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK W. KEYTE,
Grand Superintendent, District No. 3.

DISTRICT No. 4

Calgary, Alberta, February, 1935.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I submit a report of my pleasant duties and activities as Grand Superintendent of District No. 4 during 1934-35, and trust that my work as here recorded will meet with entire approval.

In my capacity as Grand Superintendent, each of the Chapters in the district has been officially visited on the night of its regular convocation and some Chapters have been unofficially visited many times.

The economic stress of the past four years has been clearly reflected in the membership decrease and the financial standing of many of our Chapters but, every cloud has its silver lining, and the years of depression have brought forth a wonderful spirit of harmony, true brotherhood and good fellowship, with the officers leading the way in a wholehearted, enthusiastic and very earnest desire to promote the best interests of the Order in the face of any and all difficulties, while adhering steadfastly to the rules and regulations as laid down by the statutes of Grand Chapter.

Naturally, in these distressing times, one of the most serious questions arising is "outstanding dues," and it pleases me greatly to be able to report that many Chapters are handling this very delicate and difficult situation in the true Masonic spirit. As an example here are some interesting facts regarding my own, Alberta Chapter. This Chapter, as you all are aware, is the oldest in this Grand Jurisdiction and has many companions with a long membership. The companions find, in a number of cases, that it is impossible in these hard

times for them to pay dues although their interest in our Order has in no way diminished. At the end of 1934 arrears amounted to \$894.000. This is how the matter was handled.

Our First Principal appointed a special committee under the Chairmanship of R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, who reported at the February meeting that he had collected some \$170.000. At this meeting he gave notice of motion to remit an equal amount and thus retain as members in good standing the companions who had contributed this sum. R. E. Companion Minchin predicted that at the March Convocation the arrears would be reduced from \$840.000 to \$100.00 and that this happy condition would be brought about by collecting from the companions what their circumstances would fairly warrant and remitting the balance. His efforts will be embodied in a further report to be submitted in March. Need I say that this action on the part of Alberta Chapter displaying as it does the splendid spirit of Masonic tolerance and benevolence towards the less fortunate companions who, very often, through no fault of their own, found themselves unable to meet all of their dues, meets with my unqualified approval. I venture to commend and suggest similar action to our Sister Chapters. Otuskwan Chapter has, I may say, proceeded along lines similar to Alberta and on that account is to be equally commended.

R. E. Companion Frank W. Keyte, Grand Superintendent of District No. 3, was kind enough to invite me to accompany him on his official visits to Crescent Chapter, No. 24, Calgary; Calgary Chapter, No. 11, and Golden West Chapter, No. 5, High River, a privilege I much appreciated.

Owing to my inability to be present for installation at the Twentieth Annual Convocation, held at Edmonton, in March, 1934, I had the signal honor of being inducted by Grand First Principal M. E. Companion Andrew Davison in his own Chapter, Calgary, No. 11, on April 12th.

My first official visit was to Otuskwan Chapter, on May 23rd, and I was accompanied by R. E. Companions Frank W. Keyte, C. A. MacPherson, J. M. Donaldson, and V. E. Companion George Milligan, Alberta Chapter, No. 1 (my own), and Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10. Gleichen were paying a fraternal visit and there was an excellent attendance of visitors and members. E. Companion Bentley and his officers conferred the H.R.A. Degree impressively. The routine business was very capably administered. At the close of the meeting an enjoyable hour was spent in the banquet room. One activity of this Chapter deserves, I submit, special mention and commendation—their action in connection with Woods' Christian Home. Annually, the members of this Chapter entertain the children in the Home, and their friends at a picnic. I attended the 1934 celebration and had only to look at the radiant faces of the boys and girls to be convinced that the effort was worth while.

On September 11th, accompanied by R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson, E. Companion Corbett, and Companion Hillyard, I officially visited Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10, Gleichen. The attendance was only fair; no degrees were conferred.

On September 13th, again accompanied by the Grand Scribe E., I visited Strathmore Chapter, No. 21; a visit I thoroughly enjoyed. The chapter is fortunate in having earnest, energetic and capable officers. There was no degree work, so I witnessed the efficient manner in which the general business was conducted. I found the books to be in excellent

order. Upon completion of the business refreshments were served, and speeches made. An interesting evening.

On October 11th the Grand First Principal paid an official visit to Strathmore Chapter and it was my privilege to accompany him. Under "Good of the Order," Most Excellent Companion Davison complimented the officers and delivered an excellent address. In honor of this distinguished guest a partridge supper was served.

I would like to take the opportunity of mentioning the invitation given by Strathmore Chapter to Mrs. Scaife and myself to attend their Annual Ladies' Night Celebration. Accompanied by E. Companion and Mrs. Corbett we arrived in time to enjoy a fine banquet and a particularly attractive program which was followed by several hours of dancing. Occasions such as this create new enthusiasm and keep bright and alive social relations between the companions.

On September 2nd I visited Harmony Chapter, No. 26, Bassano. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the First Principal, E. Companion J. B. R. Culbertson, I.P.Z., occupied the chair. The M.M. Degree was ably conferred. The books are in good order. The officers were proficient in their work and optimistic.

An official visit was made to my home Chapter, Alberta, No. 1, on November 12th. The M.M.M. Degree was conferred by E. Companion Thorne, and the M.E.M. by E. Companion Fawcett and officers. The work was done splendidly. A large number of members were present. It gives me great pleasure to record that Alberta Chapter is taking a real and active interest in Capitular Masonry.

Alberta Chapter was honored on November 27th by the presence of the Grand First Principal. This was "Past Principals' and Old Timers' Night," and, under the able direction of E. Companion H. Minchin, proved to be an unqualified success. Seldom indeed has it been the privilege of the companions to sit with so numerous and brilliant a gathering of Past Grand Z's, companions of this Chapter. This particular night should live long in their thoughts. The H. R. A. Degree was conferred. The Chapter room was filled to capacity. It was inspiring to witness these members (history makers of Alberta Chapter) once more occupying stations they had filled in past years. Followed a banquet, musical numbers and eloquent speeches.

The Joint Meeting of Districts Nos. 3 and 4 was held in the Masonic Temple, Hillhurst, November 22nd, with R. E. Companion Keyte presiding over the business session which was well attended and proved to be instructive and profitable.

I wish to thank the companions of District No. 4 for giving me the honor of serving as Grand Superintendent, for their hearty co-operation and willingness at all times to aid me in the performance of my duties, and for their many kindnesses and courtesies so freely bestowed. I would like also to give a special word of thanks to those companions who so readily placed their cars at my disposal.

Fraternal submitted,

CHARLES SCAIFE,

Grand Superintendent of District No. 4.

DISTRICT No. 5

Pincher Creek, Alberta, March, 1935.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor to submit to you, for your consideration and approval, my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 5 for the past year. I will make this report brief.

I have visited every Chapter in this district twice, Hillvue Chapter four times, and attended my own Chapter whenever I was not on an official visit to another.

Bekah Chapter, No. 7, Macleod, was visited first on June 6th, 1934. This was a very good meeting, although it was impossible for any country member to get to the meeting on account of the state of the roads. No work was exemplified, numerous questions were asked. I was accompanied by E. Companion A. M. Blackburn.

I again visited this Chapter on November 7th, accompanied by E. Companion W. Laidlaw. An excellent meeting. The books are well kept and are up to date. At this time the officers were working under a handicap, one officer having moved away and another being in a position that kept him from attending Chapter meetings. Some of the Companions come over forty miles to the meetings.

Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16, Claresholm,—My first visit to this Chapter was on June 12th. This is one of our smallest Chapters, but what it lacks in quantity is made up by the quality of the officers and companions. No work was exemplified, but we were treated, first to an excellent address by R. E. Companion Haslam and, second, to what may be termed a "Strawberry Festival." One of the most pleasurable meetings of the year. I again visited this Chapter on December 11th, at special request, to install their officers for 1935. These officers, I feel, will be very active in the interests of their Chapter:

Hillvue Chapter, No. 15, was visited first on September 18th when I was received with grand honors. This is a wonderful Chapter to visit. After the usual business, two candidates were received as M.M.M.'s. The work was well and impressively done by the officers, and the Chapter received two excellent members. I again visited the Chapter on October 16th and saw the M.E.M. Degree proficiently exemplified on the two candidates mentioned.

On November 20th, I unofficially visited this Chapter to see the officers exalt these candidates to the H.R.A. The work was divided between several past officers, making it easy for all, and the candidates were very appreciative. Every officer knew his work thoroughly, and it was a pleasure to see this work so ably done. On December 18th, by special request of the First Principal, I installed the officers for 1935. On each of these visits I was accompanied by officers and companions of my own Chapter.

Shekinah Chapter, No. 4, Lethbridge, was visited on September 12th. Although there was no candidate, the officers exemplified the M.M.M. Degree very capably. I had the pleasure of presenting to E. Companion J. H. James his Past Z's Jewel. On November 14th I again visited this Chapter. Much of the business was excellently carried out. This very active Chapter is managed most efficiently.

Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, was visited on September 20th. I was accompanied by R. E. Companion Cumberland, E. Companion Blackburn and E. Companion Finders. Our reception and treatment left nothing to be desired. Met on our arrival by E. Companion Keating, the First Principal, everything was done to make our visit pleasant. The meeting was large and exceedingly well conducted. Finances are in excellent shape. This Chapter probably has the most efficient set of officers in District No. 5. By special request I again visited them on December 20th and installed their officers for 1935, and again received a hearty welcome and reception. My visits to Assiniboia will long live in my memory.

Kether Chapter, No. 8, my own Chapter, was officially visited on November 15th, when I was heartily received and Grand Honors. The meeting was well conducted and the business well handled. On January 17th, 1935, I installed the officers. We expect several applications, and look forward to a very bright year for the Chapter.

The District Meeting and Chapter of Instruction for District No. 5 was held at Pincher Creek on October 10th, 1934. The meeting was opened at 7:30 p.m. with the officers of Kether Chapter in the Chairs. R. E. Companion Cumberland introduced the Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion Walkey. Having been received, I took charge of the meeting. R. E. Companion Cumberland retired and introduced M. E. Companion A. Davison, Grand Z., accompanied by R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson, Grand Scribe E., M. E. Companion S. Middleton, and R. E. Companion Carr, who were officially received and welcomed. The business was then proceeded with and, after the reports of the several First Principals had been received, R. E. Companion MacPherson answered any and all questions and gave a short statement of the changes adopted by Grand Chapter since the issuing of the last "Constitution." E. Companion W. H. Smith, of Shekinah Chapter, Lethbridge, was elected Grand Superintendent for 1935; and it was left to him to decide where the next Chapter of Instruction should be held. M. E. Companion Davison then gave a very interesting and inspiring address.

In conclusion, I would like to state that at every Convocation I attended there was a happy "fourth degree." I also wish to express to all the companions who so ably assisted me and to those companions of Kether Chapter who accompanied me on my visits, my sincerest thanks. Finally I would convey to all the companions of District No. 5 my gratitude for the honor they conferred on me in electing me Grand Superintendent for 1934. I hope that Capitular Masonry has benefited in some small way from my efforts and that the Grand Officers and Companions have no regret for their selection.

Fraternally submitted,

L. W. WALKEY,
Grand Superintendent, District No. 5.

DISTRICT No. 6

Edmonton, Alberta, January 28th, 1935.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I beg to submit for your consideration and approval my report
as Grand Superintendent of District No. 6.

I made my first official visit to my own Chapter, Capital City, No. 13, on April 13th, 1934, and was accompanied by R. E. Companions L. Tipp, Grand Superintendent of District No. 1; R. E. Companions Riddick and Hill, and V. E. Companion Cleveley. There was a good attendance of companions and visitors. The business was conducted with care and dispatch. The Mark Master Mason Degree was conferred on Brother Donald McGarvey in a very impressive manner. I spoke briefly on the Mark—where it was found in different parts of the world and what it meant to Royal Arch Masons.

I visited Norwood Chapter, No. 18 on June 7th, 1934. This was a regular meeting. Owing to sickness the attendance was only fair. After the business, Brother Martin was Exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch by E. Companion Walker, Z.; V. E. Companion Grieve, H.; and E. Companion Clark, J. The degree was very impressive, especially the Secret Work as given by R. E. Companion Richardson. E. Companion N. Luciw, Second Principal, was unable to attend as he had his hands badly burned while saving the life of a mechanic who was trapped in an aeroplane that crashed and burst into flames at the Edmonton Airport. I was accompanied by M. E. Companion A. West, R. E. Companion H. Sandilands, Grand J., and R. E. Companion L. Tipp.

On the invitation of Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6, on October 25th, a team composed of the officers of the four City Chapters and twenty companions travelled to Wetaskiwin to exemplify the Royal Arch Degree. The degree was conferred in a manner that must have impressed the candidate as it did the companions in the Chapter Room. This was a most enthusiastic meeting and gave us a chance of meeting old friends and making new ones. The following Grand Chapter Officers were present: M. E. Companion Coote, R. E. Companion H. Sandilands, Grand J.; R. E. Companion L. Tipp, Grand Superintendent District No. 1 (in whose District this meeting was held), and R. E. Companions McCurdy, Elliott, McIntosh, Blyth and Rait.

Chapter of Instruction. A Joint Chapter of Instruction of Districts Nos. 1 and 6 was held on November 3rd, in the Central Masonic Temple, 100th Avenue, Edmonton. The Chapter was opened by officers of Capital City Chapter, No. 13, when the District Superintendents were received with Grand Honors. I took charge of the meeting and R. E. Companion L. Tipp retired and introduced the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal who was accompanied by the Grand Council and other Grand Chapter Officers. These were received with the customary Grand Honors. The meeting was then given over to questions and answers. We were fortunate in having M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, Grand Lecturer, to answer and explain the various points brought under discussion, and he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Most E. Companion A. Davison, Grand First Principal, then addressed the companions on problems, social and economic, and exhorted the companions to so regulate their lives that the teachings of Freemasonry through them might help in the solving of our difficulties. This most inspiring address was greatly appreciated by all. Sixty companions signed the register, representing nine Chapters.

I paid an official visit to Edson Chapter, No. 30, on November 13th, R. E. Companions H. Sandilands and L. Tipp; E. Companions McWhirter and Thorne, Capital City Chapter, No. 13, accompanying me. There was a good turnout of companions to welcome us. The business was ably carried out. We expected to see the M. E. Degree conferred, but the candidate was unable to be present, so we spent

the evening answering questions. R. E. Companion Sandilands exemplified the signs of the Royal Arch Degree and received a most hearty vote of thanks. The officers are capable, Scribe E. has his books in perfect order, arrears are low, the companions are optimistic, so the future for this Chapter looks bright.

A Joint Installation of Officers of Capital City and Norwood Chapters was held in the Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton, on January 11th, 1935. It was my privilege to be Installing Officer, and I was assisted by M. E. Companion M. Downey who placed E. Companion N. Luciow in the First Principal's Chair. There was a good attendance of companions from all the City Chapters, also the following Grand Chapter Officers: R. E. Companions H. Sandilands, McCurdy, Elliott and Tipp, and V. E. Companions Blyth and Grieve.

Accompanied by R. E. Companion H. Sandilands, I paid an official visit to David Thompson Chapter, No. 29, on January 17th, 1935. There was only a fair turnout as the companions, being all railway men, find it hard to get off. There was no degree, so the evening was spent in answering questions. The officers are enthusiastic, Scribe E. has his books in perfect order, and (considering the trying times we are going through) the arrears are very low.

I cannot refrain from expressing my appreciation of the kindness, assistance and encouragement I received from R. E. Companion H. Sandilands, Grand J. To District Grand Superintendent L. Tipp, District No. 1, my thanks for his support and co-operation in our endeavour to show by example that visiting each other's Chapter is one of the pleasant duties of a Royal Arch Mason.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the companions of District No. 6 for the high honor they conferred on me by electing me to the office of District Grand Superintendent. I also desire to express my gratitude to the officers of the Chapters in my district for the many kindnesses and hospitality shown me and the officers accompanying me on my visits.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. RAIT,

Grand Superintendent District No. 6.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, seconded by M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside, it was.

RESOLVED, that the reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts be referred to the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry.

COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS

M. E. Companion M. M. Downey: Most Excellent Sir, in the absence of the Chairman of this Committee, Most Excellent Companion W. T. Coote, I would report that as no Chapters have been working under temporary dispensation, no action has been taken by your Committee on Warrants.

Grand Scribe E's Report

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

I herewith submit for your consideration, a summary of the year's returns as shown by the Scribes E. We continue to show a loss in membership, but, being somewhat smaller than last year, it inspires the hope that we have passed the peak of our losses and fortunately we have been able to keep our disbursements within our income.

The failure of the Scribes E in making their returns within the time set by Grand Chapter, subjects the Chapters to fines, which, owing to prevailing conditions, they can ill afford to pay. The observance of Section 115 of the Constitution would facilitate the work of Grand Scribe E. and would be greatly appreciated.

With one exception all dues were in on time. This was the Chapter that one year ago determined to turn in their Warrant but have decided to make a fresh start and, from information received, they appear to be making fair progress. I am sure that this Grand Chapter will give them every assistance.

Statement of Membership

Number of Chapters.....	30	
Number of Members, December 31st, 1933.....		2,343
Less errors in reports of Chapters from former years.....		<u>4</u>
		2,339
Increase		
Admission to December 31st, 1934.....	26	
Affiliations to December 31st, 1934.....	26	
Restorations to December 31st, 1934.....	10	
	<u>—</u>	62
Decrease		
Withdrawals to December 31st, 1934.....	88	
Suspensions to December 31st, 1934.....	102	
Deaths.....	22	
	<u>—</u>	212
Net Decrease to December 31st, 1934.....		<u>150</u>
Number on Roll, December 31st, 1934.....		2,189

Fraternally submitted,

CYRIL A. MacPHERSON,
Grand Scribe E.

RESTORATIONS

Alberta, No. 1.....	James B. Pascoe.
North Star, No. 2.....	John McGlory, James Glenton.
Shekinah, No. 4.....	Louis A. Felgar, Walter T. A. Cripps.
Golden West, No. 5.....	D. H. Galbraith, Wm. Barclay, Robert Wilkinson.
Otuskwan, No. 9.....	William Reay.
Capital City, No. 13.....	Duncan A. Currie.

WITHDRAWALS

Alberta, No. 1.....	Thomas Barker, James B. Pascoe, T. J. Taylor J. J. Allan, Frank Vaughan, J. L. Jamieson, N. A. Dutton, F. G. Knight.
North Star, No. 2.....	C. T. Lally, L. C. LeBas, F. W. Smith, E. E. Peterson, F. W. Johnston, R. F. Trawin, Harry Crossley.
Assiniboia, No. 3.....	William J. Elliott, James O. Scott, Milton A. Cory.
Shekinah, No. 4.....	Elias Adams, Walter V. Sanders, Fred Sick, James A. Carruthers, Walter T. H. Cripps, John A. Campbell.
Golden West, No. 5.....	George P. Black, J. T. Cooper, C. H. Smith.
Mount Horeb, No. 6.....	George E. Wiseman.
Bekah, No. 7.....	Eugene Doberer.
Otuskwan, No. 9.....	B. C. Binning, F. J. Bessant, W. J. Shields, W. J. Robertson, F. E. Bennett, A. Ne- smith, W. A. Braisher.
Calgary No. 11.....	James E. Love.
Keystone, No. 12.....	L. T. Hutton, G. D. Page, T. S. Miller.
Capital City, No. 13.....	J. A. Fairley, Peter Ingram, John Booth, Richard G. Thomson, Byer C. Carpenter.
Vermilion, No. 14.....	Arthur Lord.
Tau Cross, No. 16.....	Hector McArthur.
Mount Olivet, No. 17.....	Charles Stewart, Ernest C. Tregale, Alexander J. Miller, Charles R. Nash, William H. Anderson.
Norwood, No. 18.....	S. F. McLeod, H. W. Wright.
Banff, No. 20.....	Hubert B. Stitt, Harold R. Cleaver.
Strathmore, No. 21.....	G. H. Viccurs, Thomas S. Wallace.
Joseph Stauffer, No. 22.....	Leslie E. Y. Musgrove, England G. Pepper, Chas. F. Dooley.
Coronation, No. 23.....	R. N. Higgins, R. Keast, C. E. Serviass, F. W. Wilson, W. R. Townsend, M. C. Leek, W. A. Lamrock.
Crescent, No. 24.....	W. H. Green, Frank Hollingworth, John D. Morrison, William Webb, Sidney Moss, Albert Newton, Alex. Findlay.
Strathcona, No. 25.....	George Spilios.
Harmony, No. 26.....	Patrick J. O'Connor, A. A. Clifgard, C. G. Taylor, R. Gamble, C. P. Dahl, A. G. R. Bond, F. W. Gibson.
Eheyeh, No. 27.....	W. A. McPhee.
Hanna, No. 28.....	J. R. Sanders, J. D. Scoular.
Edson, No. 30.....	Harry E. Page, Gilbert J. Cook.

SUSPENSIONS, N.P.D.

- Alberta, No. 1 G. D. Asseltine, J. J. Cantwell, Stanley
Heighton, R. R. Houston, C. O. Ingram,
E. Lucas, G. W. H. Millican, S. T. Smith,
B. M. Smith.
- Golden West, No. 5 E. D. Malloy, R. E. Dodds, J. L. Anderson,
J. D. Hagerman, R. A. Clements, F. L.
Simmington, W. E. Thurber.
- Mount Horeb, No. 6 Horace G. Finch.
- Kether, No. 8 A. W. P. Lowrie, James A. Edwards.
- Otuskwam, No. 9 John B. Adams, Benjamin Ginsberg, William
Morton, W. D. Gow.
- Bow Valley, No. 10 J. Luke Marion, Samuel B. Reid.
- Calgary, No. 11 Lewellyn Roberts, Jas. R. Scott, Nelson J.
Maxwell, H. P. Saunders, Frank Gaynor,
Robert Simpson, William O. Freele.
- Keystone, No. 12 W. R. Moore, A. F. Franklin, E. O'Hara
Follis, Neil Raney.
- Capital City, No. 13 Charles C. Batson, Norman Blue, Henry F.
Christie, Charles S. McCormick, A. R.
McDonald, E. Roycraft, W. H. Wells, A.
C. Dodd, P. F. McGregor, A. S. O'Brien,
J. A. Sutherland.
- Vermilion, No. 14. Donald A. McFayden, Malcolm M. Mc-
Kinnon, W. G. Roebuck.
- Hillvue, No. 15 D. Davidson, A. W. H. McLeod, W. J.
Burns, H. Griesbach.
- Mount Olivet, No. 17 ... John Edwards, Fred L. Hunter, James Mc-
Cauley, Neil A. McPherson, John A. Mc-
Arthur, James W. Oakes, Arthur Reeves,
L. J. Simpson, R. S. Winter, R. McF. Lee.
- Norwood, No. 18 M. C. Graham, T. M. Hughes, Alex. Lang,
Wm. Moffatt, Malcolm MacDonald.
- Hiram, No. 19 J. C. Gibbs, W. S. Cummings, A. J. Peck,
S. R. Luckham, E. A. Rayson, C. N.
Spicer, H. E. McCullough, E. E.
Maxwell, E. Oliver, A. L. Burrows, L.
M. Colpitts, C. J. Eade, C. Wilson, A. Car-
lson, A. M. Brown.
- Banff, No. 20 E. W. Beedle.
- Joseph Stauffer, No. 22 .. A. Gertz, H. W. George, K. R. McNiell,
W. F. Carscallen, Wm. Ha. t.
- Coronation, No. 23 D. Shortt, J. A. Shortt, J. S. Sterling, G. K.
Stevenson.
- Crescent, No. 24 George Sykes, James McLellan.
- Strathcona, No. 25 Ernest H. Harris, F. M. Want.
- Ehcyeh, No. 27 C. M. Robb.
- Hanna, No. 28 A. L. R. Davidson, H. Baylis.

Balance Sheet as at February 28th, 1935

ASSETS

Bank Balance, General Account.....	\$1,867.42
Savings Account.....	8.51
	<u>\$1,875.93</u>
Accrued Interest on Savings Certificates.....	24.66
	<u>\$1,900.59</u>
Due from Chapters.....	199.91
Inventories:	
Chapter Supplies.....	\$ 970.24
Chapter Regalia.....	58.75
Office Supplies.....	179.96
Insurance.....	15.01
	<u>1,223.96</u>
Equipment:	
Grand Officers Regalia, at cost.....	\$1,426.34
Office Equipment, at cost.....	556.65
Library, at cost.....	66.12
	<u>\$2,049.11</u>
Less Depreciation.....	1,211.39
	<u>\$837.72</u>
	<u>\$4,162.18</u>

LIABILITIES

Chapter Credits.....	\$ 4.40
Surplus as at Feb. 28th, 1934.....	\$2,758.20
Less dues and fines remitted.....	67.75
	<u>\$2,690.45</u>
Add transfer from Benevolence Fund ...	1,122.28
Add Revenue Surplus for 1934-5.....	345.05
	<u>\$4,157.78</u>

BENEVOLENCE FUND

Cash in Bank.....	\$ 600.00
Saving Certificates.....	3,400.00
	<u>\$4,000.00</u>

EXPENSE AND REVENUE ACCOUNT
For the Year Ending February 28th, 1935

EXPENSE

Depreciation.....	\$	120.56	
Grand Chapter Expense:			
Proceedings.....	\$303.87		
Rent and Tyler.....	25.00		
Entertainment.....	16.30		
Annual Notices.....	14.31		
	<u>\$359.48</u>		
District Meeting Stationery.....	\$ 10.10		
Grand Representative's Certificates.....	10.60		
Greeting Cards.....	11.66		
Past Grand Z's Regalia.....	148.40		
	<u>180.76</u>		
		\$	540.24
Travelling Expense:			
Grand Z.....	\$130.85		
Grand Superintendents.....	150.00		
Grand Lecturer.....	33.70		
	<u>314.55</u>		
Office Expenses:			
Salaries.....	\$625.00		
Insurance.....	21.57		
Supplies.....	34.73		
Stamps.....	41.19		
Chapter Supplies.....	18.77		
Engrossing.....	12.60		
	<u>753.86</u>		
		\$1,729.21	
Surplus for the Year.....		345.05	
		<u>\$2,074.26</u>	

REVENUE

Affiliations.....	\$	26.00
Certificates.....		85.05
Dispensations.....		34.00
Dues.....		1,547.25
Fines.....		66.50
Copies of Work.....		42.00
Life Memberships.....		117.00
Interest.....		156.51
		<u>\$2,074.26</u>

CHAPTER RETURNS TO DECEMBER 31st, 1934

No.	Name of Chapter	Where Held	Regular Convocation	First Principal Z.	Scribe E.	Members Dec. 31, 1933	Admissions	Affiliations	Restorations	Demitted	Suspensions	Deaths	Members Dec. 31, 1934	Increase	Decrease	Net Decrease
1	Alberta	Calgary	2nd Monday	H. D. Fawcett	F. J. Hand	228	2	1	1	8	9	2	213	...	15	...
2	North Star	Edmonton	2nd Tuesday	A. E. Siera	L. H. Reilly	134	2	2	2	7	...	2	131	...	3	...
3	Asinibioia	Medicine Hat	3rd Thursday	J. L. Trotman	W. B. Stevens	186	...	...	...	3	1	1	156	...	5	...
4	Shelkinah	Lethbridge	2nd Wednesday	T. R. Davidson	J. E. Rannard	138	...	...	2	6	...	2	132	...	6	...
5	Golden West	High River	4th Tuesday	H. E. Beddingfield	W. B. Way	76	...	2	3	3	7	1	70	...	6	...
6	Mount Horeb	Wetaskiwin	4th Thursday	J. Callahan	H. G. Smith	63	...	1	...	1	1	...	63	...	...	...
7	Bekah	Macleod	1st Wednesday	R. C. Snyder	A. Young	42	...	...	...	...	...	1	40	...	2	...
8	Kether	Pincher Creek	3rd Thursday	S. Pearson	W. Laidlaw	51	...	...	...	...	2	1	48	...	3	...
9	Onuswan	Calgary	1st Thursday	J. A. Caldwell	J. Cowey	143	2	...	1	7	2	4	133	...	10	...
10	Bow Valley	Gleichen	2nd Tuesday	R. H. Bishop	T. H. Beach	43	...	3	...	...	...	2	44	...	1	...
11	Calgary	Calgary	2nd Wednesday	W. F. Solomon	O. W. Harris*	87	1	1	...	1	7	...	80	...	7	...
12	Keystone	Red Deer	4th Tuesday	D. P. Cronquist	A. G. Ayres*	103	4	...	...	3	4	...	97	...	6	...
13	Capital City	Edmonton	2nd Friday	C. F. Bratford	D. McIntosh	171	2	...	1	5	11	...	157	...	14	...
14	Vermilion	Vermilion	2nd Tuesday	E. Davies	W. W. Bell	62	1	1	...	1	3	...	60	...	2	...
15	Hillvue	Hillcrest	3rd Tuesday	J. J. Murray	H. Henderson	41	2	...	...	...	4	...	39	...	2	...
16	Tau Cross	Clareholm	2nd Tuesday	J. B. Humphreys	E. H. Mack	35	...	1	...	1	...	...	35	...	...	...
17	Mount Olivet	Killam	3rd Wednesday	W. Smith	E. T. Lake	54	...	...	...	5	10	2	37	...	17	...
18	Norwood	Edmonton	1st Thursday	N. Luciw	J. F. Hall	70	1	1	...	2	5	...	65	...	5	...
19	Hiram	Edmonton	Monday on or after full moon	E. D. McKellar	P. A. Davie	52	...	1	...	...	15	2	35	...	17	...
20	Banff	Banff	3rd Thursday	R. R. Coysh	A. N. Saddington	53	1	...	...	2	1	1	53	...	2	...
21	Strathmore	Strathmore	2nd Thursday	S. P. Slater	W. E. Mercer	51	1	...	...	3	5	...	50	...	1	...
22	Joseph Stauffer	Didsbury	1st Wednesday	T. N. T. Priest	J. L. Clarke	54	...	...	...	2	...	...	46	...	8	...
23	Coronation	Coronation	4th Tuesday	W. E. Neil	F. W. Fleming	19	...	8	...	7	4	...	16	...	3	...
24	Crescent	Calgary	1st Monday	H. J. Parrott	F. W. Keyte	91	...	1	...	7	2	1	82	...	9	...
25	Strathcona	So. Edmonton	3rd Thursday	J. C. Wright	O. J. Barker	61	2	1	...	1	2	...	62	...	1	...
26	Harmony	Passano	4th Wednesday	L. E. Newby	J. R. Donaldson	77	1	1	...	7	...	1	69	...	6	...
27	Ehayan	Drumheller	1st Friday	C. Christian	T. Leitch	70	1	...	...	1	1	1	68	...	2	...
28	Hanna	Hanna	3rd Wednesday	A. W. Lailey	J. M. Winkler	51	...	...	...	2	2	1	46	...	5	...
29	David Thompson	Jasper	3rd Thursday	C. Ewing	T. C. Young	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	...	...	...
30	Edson	Edson	2nd Tuesday	W. Wilson	A. J. Fyfe	35	2	...	...	2	...	...	35	...	...	...
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*Error in former years.

Grand Treasurer's Statement

Cash in Bank, March 1st, 1934.....	\$1,984.83
Received from Grand Scribe E.....	2,215.07
	\$4,199.90
Transferred to Savings Account.....	\$ 600.00
Office Supplies.....	15.03
Engrossing.....	12.60
Regalia.....	63.60
Grand Chapter Expense:	
Rent.....	20.00
Entertainment.....	16.30
Tyler's Fee.....	5.00
Photo for Proceedings.....	5.00
Insurance and Bonds.....	16.58
Rent of Deposit Box.....	3.00
Office Expense and Postage.....	85.10
Proceedings.....	283.87
Printing Supplies, etc.....	118.45
Salaries.....	625.00
Travelling Expenses:	
Grand Z's.....	130.85
Grand Superintendents.....	150.00
Grand Lecturer.....	33.70
Grand Z's Regalia, two suits.....	148.40
	\$2,332.48
Balance in General Account, Feb. 28th, 1935.....	1,867.42
Savings Account and accrued interest.....	608.51
Total cash in Bank, Feb. 28th, 1935.....	\$2,475.93

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM C. BLACK,
Grand Treasurer.

Auditor's Report

Calgary, March 7th, 1935

To the Audit and Finance Committee of the Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

I have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Chapter for the year ending February 28th, 1935, and submit herewith:

- (a) Cash report
- (b) Expense and Revenue Statement
- (c) Balance Sheet

which I certify to be in accordance with the books.

Depreciation has been provided for at the usual rates and the Stone and Cuts have now been eliminated from the assets. Inventories of supplies on hand have been listed and priced by the Grand Scribe E. The Savings Certificates are in the Bank Safety Deposit box.

The books show a small loss on Chapter Supplies which, I understand, is attributable to re-pricing.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY W. FORD,
Chartered Accountant.

On motion of M. E. Companion James R. Flan, seconded by M. E. Companion Archibald West, it was

RESOLVED, that the Report of the Grand Scribe E. be referred to the Committee on Audit and Finance.

On the motion of V. E. Companion Samuel L. McCracken, seconded by R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Committee on Audit and Finance.

The report of the Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address was then read by M. E. Companion M. M. Downey.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Calgary, March 20th, 1935.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

We wish to assure you that our report at this time is not intended to be a History of this Grand Chapter, during the twenty-one years of its existence, but rather a review of our Grand Z's address and a selection of some of the more striking episodes of special interest which present themselves and to which it is most timely to refer.

This past year, under the guidance of M. E. Companion Andrew Davison, has been what will go down in our history as one of the most difficult years. It is true in the preceding year we had a greater decrease. It is harder in the early years, following a depression or inactivity, to superintend such an institution as ours. We are fortunate in having a companion of rare executive ability to preside over us. In this regard we sincerely congratulate M. E. Companion Davison on the success which has attended his efforts as Mayor of Calgary. His welcome to us today as the Chief Magistrate of this fair city is fully appreciated by his companions.

His reference to the splendid companions who assisted in the organization of the Grand Body and who have laid down the working tools, brings to our minds such companions as M. E. Companion Stephen Y. Taylor, M. E. Companion James R. Rankin, M. E. Companion Andrew R. Dickson and M. E. Companion Hiram Darling, all of whom were most active in assisting and furthering the interests of this Grand Chapter in the early years.

We concur with our Grand Z. in the dispensations granted as well as with his approval of By-Laws of Constituent Chapters. In doing so, we wish to stress that we should move slowly in reducing exaltation fees.

We congratulate M. E. Companion Davison on being able to attend the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan and on his election as an Honorary Past Grand First Principal of that Grand Body.

We commend our Grand Z. on his efforts to be present at the Grand Chapters in Manitoba, Ontario and British Columbia and on having in his absence been able to secure the attendance of M. E. Companion Ironside in British Columbia and R. E. Companion John Empey in Kitchener, Ontario. We are also glad to note his visit at all the District Meetings and his report of the splendid attendance.

We commend our Grand Z. for the economical conduct of our affairs during the past year. In many businesses it was found that in the year 1933 the lowest level was reached and that we are slowly coming into better times. We concur in his remarks about the existing unsatisfactory conditions in which, in the midst of plenty, we have dire need. We trust that in the near future a remedy to many of our problems will be found.

We believe with the Grand Z. that something should be done to make war impossible. Since his address was written developments have taken place which brings back very vividly to us the world's holocaust of 1914-1918.

As we review in our minds the past twenty-one years, and call to memory the faces of many who were with us but are no more, let us not forget the widows of those companions. We are often accused of having short memories; we think this Grand Body and Constituent Chapters should remember the families of at least their presiding officers in some small tangible manner and on auspicious occasions.

The problem for this coming year is to hold our present membership. Let us see to it that this is done.

Fraternally submitted,

MELVIN M. DOWNEY,
J. R. FLAN,
J. W. G. MORRISON,
ROBERT PATTERSON,
E. G. IRONSIDE,
J. A. MCGHEE,
A. WEST.

Committee.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Robert Patterson, seconded by M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address be received and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Audit and Finance was then read by M. E. Companion Archibald West.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your committee have examined the financial statement appearing in the reports of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer, and also the report of R. E. Companion Henry W. Ford, Auditor, for the year ending February 28th, 1935.

We recommend the acceptance of the Auditor's report and the payment of \$25.00 to the Auditor for his services in making the audit and submitting the report. We recommend to the Executive Committee of the Grand Chapter continuance of R. E. Companion Henry W. Ford in the office of Auditor of the Grand Chapter.

Your committee note with satisfaction from an examination of the revenue account of Grand Scribe E., approved by the Auditor, that the affairs of Grand Chapter have been carried on during the year closing February 28th, 1935, on the basis of the expenditures being kept well within the revenues. This, no doubt, has been accomplished only by the most rigid economy on the part of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand First Principal, and we think they must be given credit for this particular aspect of the financial report.

We note that the Grand First Principal paid a fraternal visit to the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, and your committee consider the expense of such a visit amply justified by the practical and fraternal benefits resulting from this visit, and your committee, in submitting the budget hereinafter outlined, have kept in mind the desirability when possible of such inter-jurisdictional visits.

Your committee recommend the acceptance of the tender of The Albertan Job Press, Limited, for the printing of the "Proceedings" of the Annual Convocation, the same having been the only tender submitted to your committee, and which is at the same rate as for the 1934 Proceedings.

Your committee recommend that Grand Scribe E. be authorized to employ the services of a shorthand reporter to report the Proceedings of the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter and its chief committees at an expense not exceeding the sum of \$15.00 and actual travelling expenses, and that this authority continue in force from year to year.

Your committee recommend that Grand Scribe E. be provided with telephone facilities at the expense of the Grand Chapter.

In accordance with Section 51, Clause C, of the Constitution, your committee submit the following estimate of the probable expenses of Grand Chapter for the ensuing year, meaning the year commencing March 1st, 1935, and ending February 28th, 1936:

Fire insurance and indemnity bond premium.....	\$	16.58
Office supplies, postage and miscellaneous expenses.....		145.00
Salaries:		
Grand Scribe E.....	\$600.00	
Auditor.....	25.00	
		625.00
Regalia for Grand Officers.....		150.00
Printing "Proceedings".....		275.00
Miscellaneous printing.....		50.00
Engrossing Certificates.....		15.00
Travelling expenses:		
Grand Z.....	\$300.00	
Grand Superintendents.....	150.00	
Grand Lecturer.....	50.00	
		500.00
Expenses of Grand Chapter Convocation, including entertainment of guests.....		100.00
Chapter Regalia for resale.....		40.00
Telephone.....		40.00
Sundry unforeseen expenses.....		43.42
		\$2,000.00

Your committee also recommend that Grand Scribe E. be authorized as an item of Sundry Expense to procure used bookcases as required for Grand Chapter Library.

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERICK S. SELWOOD, *Chairman*,
J. V. FOLLETT,
C. H. MINCHIN,
W. E. MERCER,
J. A. MCGHEE,
J. L. CLARKE.

On the motion of M. E. Companion A. West, seconded by M. E. Companion J. V. Follett, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

The report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry was then read by M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF
CAPITULAR MASONRY IN ALBERTA**

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your committee beg to report that we have read carefully the reports of the six Grand Superintendents, and that these indicate that the important duties of these officers have been well and faithfully performed.

All Chapters except one (and this would appear to be inactive) were visited at least once and the majority of them twice or more. Only twenty-six companions were exalted during the year, so the conferring of the degrees did not occupy much of the Chapters' attention; yet we note with satisfaction the ability of the officers to confer degrees—many of the Chapters exemplifying them.

The custom of exchanging visits one Chapter with another continues and this is helping to maintain the interest of the companions in their Chapters. Many of the Chapters arranged social evenings and others benefited by educational addresses. All the Superintendents appear to be optimistic, although believing that most Chapters seem to be abiding their time, hoping for better business conditions in the not too distant future.

The Chapters of Instruction have been outstanding and enjoyable gatherings. It is pleasing to know that our Grand First Principal was able to be present at all of them, and that they were so well attended by Grand Chapter officers and the companions.

Our admissions, affiliations and restorations for the year were sixty-two members. We had eighty-eight withdrawals, one hundred and two suspensions and twenty-two deaths, so our membership on December 31st was 2,189, a net decrease of one hundred and fifty.

Owing to incomplete returns, we are unable to give accurate accounts, but we find twenty-six Chapters show dues owing to the amount of \$7,278.84; eight show liabilities of \$1,337.35; twenty-five have cash, securities and paraphernalia to the value of nearly \$30,000.

We commend those Chapters who were willing to compromise with their companions in the payment of dues.

We would recommend to the Grand First Principal that the rank of Past Grand Superintendent be conferred upon R. E. Companions G. L. Tipp, C. E. Sowden, F. W. Keyte, Charles Scaife, L. W. Walkey and George Rait.

We recommend: (1). That the duties of the Grand Superintendent be put in printed form, and that each Grand Superintendent be supplied with a copy by Grand Scribe E., when he is installed; (2) That Grand Scribe E. have printed a supply of Form Reports for Grand Superintendents, and that a copy of such Report, when properly completed, shall accompany each Superintendent's Report to Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. IRONSIDE, *Chairman.*

On the motion of M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside, seconded by M. E. Companion S. H. Middleton, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

Arising from the report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry and the discussion thereon, and on the motion of M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside, seconded by M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, it was

RESOLVED, that the Grand First Principal appoint a committee to provide educational topics or addresses to be used by the Chapters and so encourage discussion on subjects of interest to Royal Arch Masons.

In the absence of the Chairman, M. E. Companion Geo. B. McLeod, the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals was read by M. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companion of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals beg to report that no matters have been submitted to them for decision at this meeting of Grand Chapter.

Your committee beg to congratulate Grand Chapter on the fact that this situation exists and on the harmony which prevails in this Grand Jurisdiction.

J. A. MCGHEE, *Acting Chairman.*

J. V. FOLLETT,

G. L. TIPP.

On the motions of M. E. Companion J. V. Follett, seconded by R. E. Companion F. Keyte, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was then read by M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence beg to submit the following report:

During recess your committee have had submitted to them for consideration and ruling the following interrogation from Grand Scribe E.

"Honorary Members, Secs. 262 to 264—Are all such members to be classed as affiliations or joinings and the fee set forth in section 113, 'registry of a companion joining a Chapter whose name has been previously registered,' of \$1.00 to be charged against the Chapter?"

The consensus of opinion as expressed by the committee is that, while a Chapter under the wording of the sections in question appears to have the right or privilege of conferring an honorary membership on *any companion*, the conferring Chapter should register the membership of the companions so distinguished with Grand Chapter and pay registration fee. Your committee are also of opinion that the matter of clarifying these sections, also Section 113 in same connection, so as to leave no room for doubt, be referred to Grand Chapter for action.

Your committee have also had referred to them by Grand Scribe E. the matter of granting honorary life membership, at Grand Chapter without formal notice, on companions of eminence and ability who have rendered service to the Royal Craft as provided in sections 79 and 80 of the Constitution. Your Committee are of opinion that the sections of the Constitution as at present stated be maintained, but that Grand Chapter give consideration to the adoption of a sub-section to Section 79 to be called Sub-section (a) as follows: "Provided that Grand Chapter may on motion constitute any companion of eminence and ability who has rendered service to the Royal Craft, who hails from a foreign jurisdiction and is a member of a Grand Chapter recognized by this Grand Chapter, an honorary member thereof with such rank and distinction as it may deem appropriate."

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

J. W. G. MORRISON,
M. M. DOWNEY,
FREDERICK S. SELWOOD.
A: WEST,
C. H. MINCHIN,

On the motion of M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, seconded by M. E. Companion M. M. Downey, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead was then read by R. E. Companion H. Sandilands. The companions observed one minute's silent prayer at the conclusion of the reading of the report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The whirling wheel of Time rolls onward. Each year, as a cycle is completed, we meet to pay tribute to our departed companions and to contemplate our own inevitable destiny. The certainty of Death—the great leveller of all things—must be ever with us.

During the twelve months just passed Death's icy hand has closed upon some twenty-two companions—members of sixteen Chapters in this Jurisdiction. Our sincerest sympathy goes out to those near and dear to them, who so keenly feel the loss. We are persuaded that "He who doeth all things well" has comforted and will sustain them in their hour of trouble.

Many companions, both of this and of sister Grand Chapters, have come to the end of life's toilsome journey and been summoned to pass through the Ark of Redemption into the presence of the Eternal Father; their mortal remains have been placed beneath the silent clods of the valley in

*God's Acre! Yes, that blessed name imparts
Comfort to those who in the grave have sown
The seed that they have garnered in their hearts,
Their bread of life, alas no more their own.
Into its furrows shall we all be cast,
In the sure faith that we shall rise again
At the great harvest, when the archangels' blast
Shall winnow, like a fan, the chaff and grain.
With thy rude ploughshare, Death, turn up the sod
And spread the furrow for the seed we sow;
This is the field and Acre of our God,
This is the place where human harvests grow.*

The righteous man, though he die before his time, shall be at rest; being found well pleasing unto God, he was beloved of Him, he was translated. The righteous shall live for ever, and in the Lord is their reward and the care of them with the Most High. Therefore shall they receive the crown of royal dignity and the diadem of beauty from the Lord's hand, because with His Right hand shall He cover them and with His arm shall He shield them.

Your committee wish to recommend that pages be set apart in the printed "Proceedings" and suitably inscribed to the memory of our deceased companions.

Fraternally submitted,

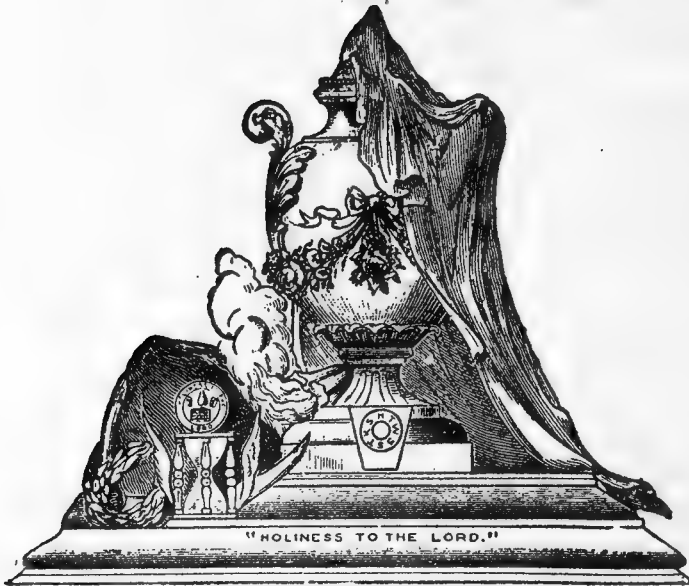
H. SANDILANDS,
E. A. SHAW,
MELVIN M. DOWNEY,
HAROLD W. B. BELL,
L. W. WALKEY.

On motion of R. E. Companion H. Sandilands, seconded by R. E. Companion E. A. Shaw, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

DEATHS IN THIS JURISDICTION

Alberta, No. 1. Harry J. Robie and S. J. Kirkland.
 North Star, No. 2. R. G. Borton and Albert Greenway.
 Assiniboia, No. 3. W. F. Foster.
 Shekinah, No. 4. Joseph H. Bell and Otho T. Lathrop.
 Golden West, No. 5. Wm. Barclay.
 Bekah, No. 7. Clifford H. Clarke.
 Kether, No. 8. Duncan C. McDougall.
 Otuskwan, No. 9. Thomas M. Cassie and David J. Lang.
 Capital City, No. 13 Alexander Cumming.
 Mount Olivet, No. 17 . . . Frank W. Tye and John R. Johnson.
 Hiram, No. 19. Ernest A. Northrup and Frederick H. Dunsford.
 Banff, No. 20. David G. Wilson.
 Crescent, No. 24. Colin Heathcote.
 Harmony, No. 26. Carl Anderson.
 Eheyeh, No. 27. T. J. Fitzpatrick.
 Hanna, No. 28. Frank Haker.

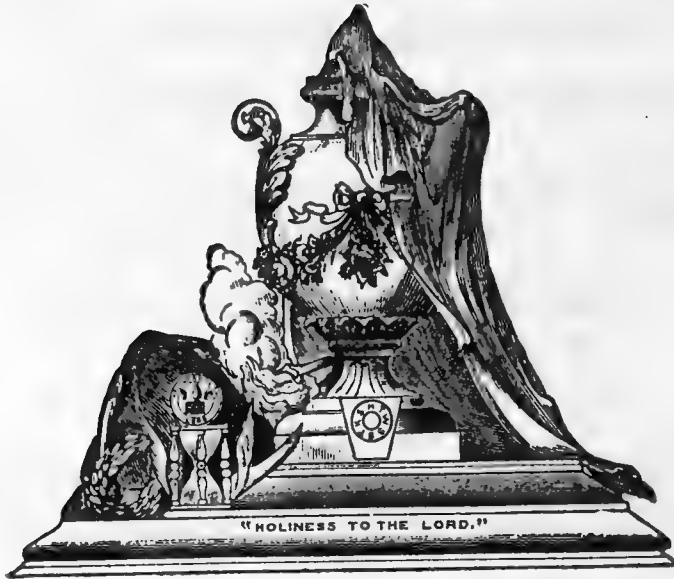


In Memory
OF THE
Companions of Our Own
Jurisdiction
FOR THE YEAR 1934

*And ever near us, though unseen,
 The dear immortal spirits tread;
 For all the boundless universe
 Is life—there are no dead.*

FRATERNAL DEAD OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Alabama.....	Robert T. Ward, P.G.H.P., Mar. 22nd, 1934. William E. Bingham, P.G.H.P., July 8th, 1934.
Arkansas.....	Fay Hempstead, P.G.H.P., April 24th, 1934
California.....	Samel A. Clarke, P.G.H.P., Mar. 15th, 1934.
Colorado.....	Marshal H. Van Fleet, P.G.H.P., July 7th, 1934.
Delaware.....	Frank L. Long, P.G.H.P., June 1st, 1934.
Florida.....	W. P. Webster, Grand Secretary, Jan. 29th, 1935.
Iowa.....	Edward M. Willard, P.G.H.P., July 12th, 1934.
Kentucky.....	W. O. Rigney, P.G.H.P., Mar. 18th, 1934.
Louisiana.....	John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary, Feb. 10th, 1934.
Maine.....	Wallace N. Price, P.G.H.P., June 16th, 1934.
Minnesota.....	James R. Morton, P.G.H.P., Feb. 6th, 1934.
Mississippi.....	George C. Myers, P.G.H.P., June 21st, 1934.
Missouri.....	Ezra Fount Hannah, Grand C. of H., Feb. 8th, 1935.
Montana.....	Harry M. Allen, P.G.H.P., Sept. 17th, 1934.
Nebraska.....	James M. Robertson, P.G.H.P., Sept. 10th, 1934. John R. Donley, G.M.S.V., Oct. 23rd, 1934.
Nevada.....	William Sutherland, P.G.H.P., Jan. 4th, 1935.
Oklahoma.....	Bert Duncan Ashbrook, P.G.H.P., Jan. 11th, 1935.
Oregon.....	Frank J. Miller, P.G.H.P., June 14th, 1934.
South Carolina.....	William Webb Edgerton, P.G.H.P., Feb. 10th, 1935.
South Dakota.....	John A. Cleaver, P.G.H.P., Mar. 5th, 1934.
Tennessee.....	Albert G. Kimbrough, P.G.H.P., Nov. 20th, 1934. John Milo Walters, Grand Chaplain, Nov. 14th, 1934.
Vermont.....	David A. Elliott, P.G.H.P., Grand Treasurer, Jan. 9th, 1935. Herbert T. Kelley, G. C. of Host, Jan. 6th, 1935.
West Australia.....	J. C. Strickland, P.G.Z.; Grand Scribe E., 1934.
West Virginia.....	William T. Rittenhouse, P.G.H.P., Feb. 6th, 1935.
Wyoming.....	Fincelius G. Burnett, Grand Chaplain, May 3rd, 1934.



In Memory
OF THE
Deceased Companions of
Sister Jurisdictions
FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1935

*There is no death, the stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore;
And bright in Heaven's jewelled crown
They shine for evermore.*

The report of the Committee on Benevolence was read by M. E. Companion James R. Flan.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your committee find, and are pleased to report, that the following Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction have, during the year just closed, contributed for Benevolence as set out below:

Assiniboia, No. 3.....	\$38.00
Shekinah, No. 4.....	75.00
Golden West, No. 5.....	15.00
Otuskwan, No. 9.....	75.77
Keystone, No. 12.....	10.00
Capital City, No. 13.....	50.00
Banff, No. 20.	15.00

Your committee are informed that many of the Chapters have made remission of dues to worthy companions who found themselves unable to meet their obligations for dues. This is a very laudable policy on the part of Chapters as it would seem equally as desirable to retain worthy members as to seek new ones.

Your committee are pleased to commend these Chapters for their generous response to the needs of their distressed companions.

We have made no grants for benevolence this year.

Your committee recommend that Grand Chapter continue the present method of making allowances from the Grand Chapter Benevolence Fund through the standing special committee of the Executive Committee of the Grand Chapter as has been the practice for some years past.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES R. FLAN, *Chairman*.
 FREDERICK S. SELWOOD,
 J. A. MCGHEE,
 E. G. IRONSIDE,
 A. WEST,
 J. LESTER CLARKE,
 E. A. SHAW,
 J. V. FOLLETT,
 S. H. MIDDLETON.

On motion of M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, seconded by M. E. Companion F. S. Selwood, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and Relations was then read by M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE AND RELATIONS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

There is complete harmony throughout the Capitular World with the exception of the controversy between the Grand Chapters of Scotland and New South Wales. There is no change in this situation since our last year's report.

We herewith submit our Review of Proceedings received since the 1934 Convocation, and suggest that the printing of the review be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Fraternally submitted,

M. M. DOWNEY, *Chairman.*

On the motion of M. E. Companion M. M. Downey, seconded by R. E. Companion E. C. Locke, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and Relations be received and adopted.

The report of the Library Committee was then read by R. E. Companion Walter E. Mercer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee are unable to report any further developments since the last Annual Convocation in respect to the Grand Chapter Library.

No new additions were made to our library during the present year.

At the present time we do not think it is advisable to incur any expense in connection with our library.

Fraternally submitted on behalf of the Committee.

W. E. MERCER,
HAROLD W. B. BELL,
CHAS. SCAIFE.

On motion of R. E. Companion W. E. Mercer, seconded by R. E. Companion H. W. B. Bell, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Library Committee be received and adopted.

M. E. Companion Samuel H. Middleton, Chairman of the Permanent Committee on Work, then reported progress.

The report of the Committee to Revise the Method of Elections was then read by M. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett, who added: "Since this report was made out, on looking over the Constitution, I find that Section 22 says that ballot papers shall be printed under the supervision of Grand Scribe E. and a list of names shall be shown thereon. It will require a notice of motion to change that portion of the Constitution."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO REVISE METHOD OF ELECTIONS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee to Revise Method of Elections beg to report as follows:

Your committee met in the office of the chairman on March 13th, 1935, and, after discussing thoroughly various methods adopted by other Grand Bodies, decided that it would be unwise to institute any different methods in nominating and electing candidates in this Jurisdiction than that at present in operation.

We recommend, however, that:

(a) Ballot papers be of different colors for one, two, three and four votes respectively.

(b) Ballot strips be numbered instead of having the names of the various offices printed thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

J. V. FOLLETT,
F. W. KEYTE,
CHAS. SCAIFE,
J. A. MCGHEE,
W. E. MERCER,
FREDERICK S. SELWOOD,
H. SANDILANDS,
G. L. TIPP.

On motion of M. E. Companion J. V. Follett, seconded by R. E. Companion H. Sandilands, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee to Revise the Method of Elections be received and adopted.

On the suggestion of M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, it was **AGREED**, that some portions of the work of the Committee on Standard By-Laws be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment at 12:17 o'clock p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

LABOR RESUMED

Grand Chapter resumed labor at 2:05 p.m.

The proposed revision of the Standard By-Laws was then read by M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside.

After some discussion it was, on the motion of R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, seconded by V. E. Companion S. L. McCracken,

RESOLVED, that the proposed revisions of the Standard By-Laws be received and copies thereof be sent to each Chapter by Grand Scribe E. for consideration and recommendation; such recommendations to be forwarded to Grand Scribe E. not later than November, 1st, 1935; and that the Committee on Jurisprudence shall review same and submit a report to the next regular Convocation of Grand Chapter.

Grand Scribe E. was directed to get out the necessary copies as quickly as possible after this Convocation.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

On motion of M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, seconded by M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, it was

RESOLVED, that M. E. Companion J. F. Irwin, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba, and R. E. Companion F. E. Doull, Grand Second Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan, be constituted members of this Grand Chapter with the same rank as they hold in their respective Grand Chapters.

The motion was received by the companions with very hearty applause.

M. E. Companion A. Davison: Most Excellent Companion Irwin and Right Excellent Companion Doull, I assure you that we are delighted indeed to be able to honor you in this way and that we look forward to future visits from both of you during the years to come.

M. E. Companion J. F. Irwin: Most Excellent Sir and Companions, I do not believe that any remarks of mine can properly express to you my feelings at the great honor you have conferred upon me. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I will carry to my Grand Chapter the best feelings that it is possible for anyone to take from your Convocation, as I brought ours to you this morning. We know that in the future the amicable relations which have hitherto prevailed between us will grow in strength and that the high ideals of our Craft will be maintained. Most Excellent Sir and Companions, I thank you.

R. E. Companion F. E. Doull: Most Excellent Sir and Companions: There are occasions when words seem to fail adequately to express feelings, and I assure you that this is such an occasion—an occasion when I find it hard to voice my thanks to you for the honor you have conferred upon me. My only regret is that my First Principal is not

here to receive this honor himself. I shall be very glad indeed to tell him of the welcome you have extended me and the honor you have conferred upon me.

I am reminded, Companions, of the story of the little chap who for the first time had a pair of trousers. Putting them on and prancing around a little while he said to his mother, "Mum, can I call Papa Bill now?" I feel almost like calling your Most Excellent First Principal "Andy"! Thank you.

GENERAL BUSINESS

It was moved by M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, seconded by R. E. Companion H. W. Bell, "That the date of meeting of Grand Chapter be changed from the third Wednesday in March to the second Wednesday in May."

In amendment, it was moved by R. E. Companion H. W. B. Bell, seconded by R. E. Companion E. A. Shaw, "That Grand Chapter should meet on the day following the meetings of Grand Lodge."

After some discussion, it was moved by M. E. Companion Samuel H. Middleton, seconded by R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, and

RESOLVED, that the matter be tabled for one year until next Convocation of Grand Chapter.

On the motion of R. E. Companion Chas. Seaife, seconded by R. E. Companion H. W. B. Bell, it was

RESOLVED, that Grand Scribe E. be instructed to communicate with each Chapter asking for an expression of opinion on this subject (the date of Grand Chapter meeting) and an indication as to just what date each Chapter desires.

Grand Scribe E. was so instructed.

It was moved by M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, seconded by R. E. Companion W. W. Bell: "That the Constitution be amended by striking out Section 175 thereof and substituting the following:

175. A Chapter failing to convene for a period of one year and/or failing to make returns to Grand Chapter as required by prescribed forms and such default exists for a period of six months after formal request is made therefor by Grand Scribe E., shall *ipso facto* forfeit its Warrant or Charter and its Warrant or Charter, seal, records, funds and property whatsoever shall revert to and for the time being become the property of Grand Chapter. A Chapter may voluntarily surrender its Warrant or Charter, for cause, upon notice to that effect being given to the Companions that at a regular convocation two months hence a resolution will be proposed that the Chapter do surrender its Charter and stating the reasons therefor. A certified copy of the notice together with the said reasons shall be filed with Grand Scribe E. After the passing of the said resolution and the expiration of one month

thereafter the Warrant or Charter shall be formally surrendered to the Grand Superintendent who shall forthwith transmit same, together with the seal, records, funds, and property whatsoever, to Grand Scribe E. The Chapter shall cease to function only and when the Warrant or Charter is actually surrendered to the Grand Superintendent and receipt therefor and for the property of the Chapter as herein provided has been given to the First Principal or Scribe E. of the Chapter. All dues owing to Grand Chapter must be first paid before acceptance can be had of the surrender of the Warrant or Charter of a Chapter unless same is remitted by direction of the Grand Chapter. The companions of such or other dormant Chapter and whose books have been returned or surrendered to Grand Chapter and who are clear on said books and/or subsequently make good all arrearages to the time the Chapter surrendered or returned its Warrant or Charter, shall be furnished with a certificate of standing by Grand Scribe E.

In amendment it was moved by M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, seconded by M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside, "That the proposed section 175 be amended by having inserted as an additional clause at the end of the first sentence. the words 'But not until after the Principals thereof shall have been duly summoned to show cause to the contrary'."

On the motion of M. E. Companion James R. Flan, seconded by M. E. Companion Samuel H. Middleton, it was

RESOLVED, that the motion be tabled for one year in order to give time to study the wording.

It was moved by M. E. Companion James R. Flan, seconded by R. E. Companion H. W. B. Bell, "That Section 254 be deleted and the following substituted therefor: 'No Royal Arch Mason of thirty years' uninterrupted, good and regular standing in this Jurisdiction, shall be subject to discipline for the non-payment of dues'."

After discussion it was moved by R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, seconded by V. E. Companion S. L. McCracken, "That the motion of M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, have added thereto the following:

'(1) Provided, however, that companions who hailed from a foreign Jurisdiction and who at January 1st, 1935, were exempt from discipline, within the meaning of this section shall continue to enjoy such exemption. And provided further

'(2) That companions who were admitted into a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, within what is now known as the Province of Alberta, prior to the formation of this Grand jurisdiction shall, if their membership be uninterrupted, be deemed members of this Grand Jurisdiction as from the date of such admission'."

Upon the question being put, the section, as amended, was carried with a division, 53 for and 6 against.

It was moved by R. E. Companion H. Sandilands, seconded by R. E. Companion G. L. Tipp, "That a paragraph, to be known as Sub. Sec. 'L', be added to Section 84 (Powers of Grand First Principal) as follows: 'To grant permission upon good and sufficient reason for any

constituent Chapter to hold regular Convocations in any Masonic Lodge room within its territorial limits'."

The motion was lost.

It was moved by M. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett, seconded by R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, "That sub-sections (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) of Section 259 be amended by deleting '\$13.00, \$11.00, \$9.00, \$6.00 and \$3.00,' and substituting therefor, '\$14.50, \$12.50, \$10.25, \$7.75 and \$4.75'."

After discussion, it was moved in amendment by M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside, seconded by R. E. Companion G. L. Tipp, "That the amounts proposed in the motion be raised to the even dollar."

It was moved by R. E. Companion W. E. Mercer, seconded by V. E. Companion C. W. Niblock, "That the matter be tabled for one year." (This motion was lost.)

Upon the question being put, the amending motion carried with a division, 36 for and 15 against.

On the motion of R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, seconded by R. E. Companion C. Scaife, it was

RESOLVED, that Grand Chapter pay the sum of \$5.00 to the Grand Tyler for his service at this Convocation.

On the motion of R. E. Companion G. L. Tipp, seconded by R. E. Companion J. E. Ranard, it was

RESOLVED, that Grand Chapter assist the Calgary Chapters to the extent of \$25.00 in the matter of entertainment for this Grand Convocation.

On the motion of V. E. Companion S. L. McCracken, seconded by R. E. Companion, C. H. Minchin, it was

RESOLVED, that the charges outstanding on the books of Grand Chapter against Coronation Chapter be remitted.

On the motion of R. E. Companion W. C. Black, seconded by R. E. Companion R. C. Rankin, it was

RESOLVED, that the fines of all Chapters be remitted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg to report that we have checked carefully the Register of Grand Chapter and have distributed

the ballots in accordance with the rules of Grand Chapter. There are fifteen Chapters represented by their officers, past principals and proxies with a total of 142 votes.

Fraternally submitted,

W. C. BLACK, *Chairman.*

On the motion of R. E. Companion W. C. Black, seconded by R. E. Companion L. W. Walkey, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place with the following result:

Grand First Principal.....	M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer
Grand Second Principal.....	R. E. Companion H. Sandilands
Grand Third Principal.....	R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin
Grand Treasurer.....	R. E. Companion W. C. Black
Grand Scribe E.....	R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson
Grand Scribe N.....	R. E. Companion G. Milligan
Grand Principal Sojourner ...	R. E. Companion Arthur Robinson
Grand Registrar.....	R. E. Companion F. Milne
Executive Committee.....	R. E. Companion G. L. Tipp
	R. E. Companion F. Hand
	R. E. Companion F. B. Cooper
	R. E. Companion L. W. Walkey
	R. E. Companion R. C. Rankin

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

The City of Edmonton was selected as the place of meeting for the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter on the 18th day of March, 1936.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Installation of Officers for the ensuing year then took place. The Installing Officer was M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, assisted by M. E. Companion F. S. Selwood, Acting H.; M. E. Companion A. West, Acting J.; M. E. Companion M. M. Downey, Director of Ceremonies; and M. E. Companion J. McGhee, Assistant Director of Ceremonies.

M. E. Companion A. Davison was invested with the regalia of the Immediate Past Grand First Principal.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer said: My Companions, I feel that there is a great deal that my Right Excellent Companions would like to say at the present moment and a little by myself, but as the time is so short in which to get ready for the banquet which is to follow this Convocation, we will forego inflicting

ourselves upon you and proceed to close this Grand Chapter. But before doing so I desire to express, on behalf of myself and my companions who have been installed today as officers of this Grand Chapter, our grateful appreciation of your consideration for us and of the manner in which the installation has been conducted.

APPRECIATION OF THE IMMEDIATE PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL

M. E. Companion F. S. Selwood: Most Excellent Sir, we are apparently adopting a new practice in regard to the outgoing Grand First Principal and it seems to me that merely investing Most Excellent Companion Davison with the regalia is not exactly filling the need at this time. I am sure that all members of Grand Chapter have appreciated at their true value the interest, the proficiency and the celerity with which Most Excellent Companion Davison has discharged the duties of the Grand First Principal during the year which has come to a close under his presiding hand today in a meeting which, I think, has been the most efficiently conducted that we have ever had. I would like it to be made a matter of record "That Grand Chapter has pleasure in presenting to Most Excellent Companion Davison the Past Grand First Principal's regalia as a slight token of their appreciation of his interest during the past year."

This motion was warmly seconded by M.E. Companion James McGhee and carried with very hearty applause.

GRAND CHAPTER CLOSED

The labors of the Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in AMPLE FORM at 5:56 p.m.

Cyril A. MacPherson

Grand Scribe E.



**GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS SINCE ORGANIZATION,
MAY 29th, 1914**

*S. Y. Taylor.....	1914	S. H. Middleton.....	1925
*J. N. Rankin.....	1915	E. G. Ironside.....	1926
F. S. Watson.....	1916	*W. M. McNab.....	1927
R. Patterson.....	1917	F. S. Selwood.....	1928
*A. R. Dickson.....	1918	J. R. Flan.....	1929
M. M. Downey.....	1919	J. W. G. Morrison.....	1930
N. T. Macleod.....	1920	J. A. McGhee.....	1931
*H. Darling.....	1921	J. V. Follett.....	1932
G. B. McLeod.....	1922	A. West.....	1933
W. T. Coote.....	1923	A. Davison.....	1934
J. E. Johnson.....	1924	W. E. Mercer.....	1935

HONORARY PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

J. F. Yorke.....	Saskatchewan
D. F. Adams.....	British Columbia
G. G. Burgess.....	Saskatchewan
H. de Roche.....	Saskatchewan
A. Little.....	Manitoba
H. L. Adolph.....	Manitoba
R. J. F. Coster.....	Saskatchewan
J. F. Dart.....	Manitoba

HONORARY MEMBERS

G. Syme.....	Manitoba
J. F. Irwin.....	Manitoba
F. E. Doull.....	Saskatchewan

GRAND SCRIBES E.

M. M. Downey.....	1914 - 1916
J. E. Johnson.....	1917 - 1921
E. G. Ironside.....	1922 - 1924
*C. R. Wentzel.....	1925 - 1932
C. A. MacPherson.....	1933 - 1935

*Deceased.

CHAPTERS BY MASONIC DISTRICTS

District No. 1

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion Harry C. Neal
Address: 10939-81st Avenue, Edmonton

No. 2	North Star.....	Edmonton
No. 6	Mount Horeb.....	Wetaskiwin
No. 14	Vermilion.....	Vermilion
No. 17	Mount Olivet.....	Killam
No. 25	Strathcona.....	Edmonton

District No. 2

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion Peter A. Davie
Address: Youngstown

No. 19	Hiram.....	Youngstown
No. 23	Coronation.....	Coronation
No. 27	Eheyeh.....	Drumheller
No. 28	Hanna.....	Hanna

District No. 3

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion J. Lester Clarke
Address: Didsbury

No. 5	Golden West.....	High River
No. 11	Calgary.....	Calgary
No. 12	Keystone.....	Red Deer
No. 20	Banff.....	Banff
No. 22	Joseph Stauffer.....	Didsbury
No. 24	Crescent.....	Calgary

District No. 4

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion Ernest Corbett
Address: 225-4th Avenue W., Calgary

No. 1	Alberta.....	Calgary
No. 9	Otuskwan.....	Calgary
No. 10	Bow Valley.....	Gleichen
No. 21	Strathmore.....	Strathmore
No. 26	Harmony.....	Bassano

District No. 5

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion William H. Smith
Address: 1261-5th Avenue South, Lethbridge

No. 3	Assiniboia.....	Medicine Hat
No. 4	Shekinah.....	Lethbridge
No. 7	Bekah.....	Macleod
No. 8	Kether.....	Pincher Creek
No. 15	Hillvue.....	Hillcrest
No. 16	Tau Cross.....	Claresholm

District No. 6

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion Frank Mayer
Address: Edson

No. 13	Capital City.....	Edmonton
No. 18	Norwood.....	Edmonton
No. 29	David Thompson.....	Jasper
No. 30	Edson.....	Edson

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President—R. E. Companion Henry Sandilands, Grand H.
M. E. Companion Walter E. Mercer, Grand Z.

M. E. Companion Frederick S. Watson.....	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion Robert Patterson.....	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey.....	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion Norman T. Macleod.....	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion George B. McLeod.....	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion William T. Coote.....	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion John E. Johnson.....	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion Samuel H. Middleton.....	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside.....	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood.....	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion James R. Flan.....	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison.....	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion James A. McGhee.....	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett.....	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion Archibald West.....	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion Andrew Davison.....	P.G.Z.
R. E. Companion C. Harry Minchin.....	Grand J.
R. E. Companion Harry C. Neal.....	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion Peter A. Davie.....	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion J. Lester Clarke.....	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion Ernest Corbett.....	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion William H. Smith.....	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion Frank Mayer.....	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion William C. Black.....	Grand Treasurer
R. E. Companion Cyril A. MacPherson.. (Gr. Sec'y.)	Grand Scribe E.
R. E. Companion George F. Milligan.....	Grand Scribe N.

ELECTED BY GRAND CHAPTER

R. E. Companion G. Lynnwood Tipp.....	Two years
R. E. Companion Frederick J. Hand.....	Two years
R. E. Companion Frederick B. Cooper.....	Two years
R. E. Companion Leland W. Walkey.....	Two years
R. E. Companion Edward A. Shaw.....	One year
R. E. Companion Harold W. B. Bell.....	One year
R. E. Companion John E. Rannard.....	One year
R. E. Companion Robert C. Rankin.....	One year

APPOINTED OFFICERS

The following officers were appointed by the Grand First Principal and the Special Committees named in accordance with the resolutions passed:

Grand Lecturer.....	M. E. Companion James R. Flan
Grand Senior Sojourner.....	V. E. Companion Duncan H. S. Gillis
Grand Junior Sojourner.....	V. E. Companion William Sharp
Grand Sword Bearer.....	V. E. Companion Samuel E. Green
Grand Master 1st Veil.....	V. E. Companion Henry Groves
Grand Master 2nd Veil.....	V. E. Companion Percy Stead
Grand Master 3rd Veil.....	V. E. Companion A. Scott Peebles
Grand Master 4th Veil.....	V. E. Companion Ernest King
Grand Dir. of Ceremonies....	V. E. Companion Arthur T. Spankie
Grand Organist.....	R. E. Companion Frederick B. Cooper
Grand Pursuivant.....	V. E. Companion James G. Walker
Grand Steward.....	V. E. Companion Arthur Sayer
Grand Steward.....	V. E. Companion Joseph Winkler
Grand Steward.....	V. E. Companion Roger Barrett
Grand Steward.....	V. E. Companion Thomas S. Hughes
Grand Tyler.....	Companion John L. Johnston

SUB-COMMITTEES

Grand First Principal's Address

M. E. Companions F. S. Watson, R. Patterson, M. M. Downey, N. T. Macleod, G. B. McLeod, W. T. Coote, J. E. Johnson, S. H. Middleton, E. G. Ironside, F. S. Selwood, J. R. Flan, J. W. G. Morrison, J. A. McGhee, J. V. Follett, A. West, A. Davison.

Credentials

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Condition of Capitular Masonry

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The next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta will be held in the City of Edmonton, on the third Wednesday being the 18th day of March, 1936.

C. A. MacPHERSON,

Grand Scribe E.

1412-2nd Street N.W., Calgary.

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British Columbia.....	John W. Prescott, G.S.E.....	Vancouver, 603 Hastings St. W.
California.....	Thomas A. Davies.....	San Francisco, Rm. 432, Mas. Temple
Canada.....	Edwin Smith.....	Toronto, 708 Temple Bldg.
Colorado.....	William W. Cooper.....	Denver, Rm. 319 Masonic Temple
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District of Columbia.....	J. Claude Keiper.....	Washington, Masonic Temple
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Illinois.....	James E. Jeffers.....	Springfield, Box 565
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Iowa.....	George E. Masters.....	Glenwood
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To	Residence	Grand Chapter	From	Residence
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E. G. Turner	Helena	Arkansas	W. H. Scott	Vermilion
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C. H. King	Sebastopol	California	M. B. Peacock	Calgary
J. M. Empey	Mitchell, Ont.	Canada	F. S. Watson	Edmonton
W. S. Pickerill	Durango	Colorado	W. E. G. Anderson	Drumheller
F. E. Bartholmew	Lakeville	Connecticut	T. Rankin	Edmonton
J. W. Macklem	Wilmington	Delaware	G. W. Elliott	Edmonton
J. A. West	Washington	District of Columbia	J. W. G. Morrison	Vermilion
C. R. Horne	Dunallon	Florida	G. E. Cruickshank	Hillcrest
Zach Arnold	Fort Gaines	Georgia	J. R. Donaldson	Bassano
Roy V. Locey	Weiser	Idaho	D. J. Ganes	Calgary
W. Sayre	Chicago	Illinois	R. C. Rankin	Calgary
R. M. H. Britton	Terra Haute	Indiana	A. West	Edmonton
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W. McMahon	Armagh	Ireland	C. H. Minchin	Calgary
La Velle C. Hicks	Salina	Kansas	F. V. Truesdale	Calgary
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L. A. Haas	Opelousas	Louisiana	E. A. Shaw	Jasper
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J. E. Allen	Warrenton	North Carolina	J. F. Casteel	High River
W. R. Reed	Fargo	North Dakota	T. F. English	Calgary
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E. P. Gallup	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	J. V. Follett	Calgary
E. L. Weider	Salem	Oregon	J. A. McGhee	Didsbury
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W. J. Edwards	Coaticook	Quebec	A. B. McCurdy	Edmonton
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AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

- 113**—Resolved, that sub-section of the last but one of Section 113 of the Constitution be amended by deleting “50c” and substituting “75c” therefor, and that last sub-section of Section 113 be deleted and the following be substituted therefor. The Executive Committee shall have power to vote from the General Fund to the Benevolence Fund such funds as it deems expedient from time to time; provided, however, that in any one year the amount so voted shall not exceed a sum of 25c for each member as registered on the books of Grand Scribe E. in the last Annual Report, and further provided that the Benevolence Fund shall not be less than the sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars at the close of any fiscal year.
- 254**—No Royal Arch Mason of thirty years uninterrupted, good and regular standing in this Jurisdiction, shall be subject to discipline for the non-payment of dues, provided, however, that Companions who hailed from a foreign Jurisdiction and who at January 1st, 1935, were exempt from discipline, within the meaning of this Section, shall continue to enjoy such exemption, and provided further, that Companions who were admitted into a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, within what is now known as the Province of Alberta, prior to the formation of this Grand Jurisdiction, shall, if their membership be uninterrupted, be deemed members of this Grand Jurisdiction as from the date of such admission.
- 259**—That sub-sections a, b, c, d and e of Section 259 be amended by deleting \$13.00, \$11.00, \$9.00, \$6.00 and \$3.00 and substituting therefor \$15.00, \$13.00, \$11.00, \$8.00 and \$5.00.

CAPITULAR PROCEEDINGS

REVIEWED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE

Alabama.....	1933	Nevada.....	1934
Arizona.....	1934	New Hampshire.....	1934
British Columbia.....	1934	New Jersey.....	1934
California.....	1934	New Mexico.....	1934
Canada.....	1934	New South Wales.....	1933
Colorado.....	1934	New York.....	1934
Connecticut.....	1934	New Zealand.....	1934
Delaware.....	1933-34	North Carolina.....	1934
District of Columbia.....	1934	North Dakota.....	1934
Florida.....	1934	Nova Scotia.....	1934
Idaho.....	1934	Oklahoma.....	1934
Illinois.....	1934	Oregon.....	1934
Indiana.....	1933	Pennsylvania.....	1934
Iowa.....	1933	Quebec.....	1934
Kentucky.....	1934	Saskatchewan.....	1934
Louisiana.....	1934	South Dakota.....	1934
Maine.....	1934	Tennessee.....	1934
Manitoba.....	1934	Texas.....	1934
Massachusetts.....	1934	Utah.....	1934
Michigan.....	1934	Vermont.....	1934
Mississippi.....	1934	Victoria.....	1933-34
Missouri.....	1934	Virginia.....	1933-34
Nebraska.....	1934	Washington.....	1934

F O R E W O R D

We, your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, hereby submit for your consideration our review of the recorded activities of other Grand Chapters.

Statistics show a continued decrease in membership, but we hope the low level has been reached, and that from now on renewed interest and a gradual gain in membership will be observable.

Many members were masons in name only; they were not a help but rather were they a hindrance. We have, however, lost some who were a real asset. Let us endeavor to bring these back to the fold; let us vow to dedicate ourselves anew to the service of our Royal Craft, and try to interest others. Let us, we repeat, try to get back some of those desirable ones whose names have been struck from our Chapter rolls. And, last, but perhaps most important of all, let us strive to consolidate our present membership.

 ALABAMA, 1933

The One Hundred and Seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama met in Montgomery, on December 4th, 1933.

All the Grand Officers; as well as fifteen Past Grand High Priests, were present.

Our Grand Representative, Companion Duncan C. Carmichael, who is Chairman of the Committee on Chartered Chapters, was on hand to lend his aid to the proceedings.

Grand High Priest William H. Stewart in his address, said: "No Grand High Priest in many years has been confronted with the personal difficulties with which I have been handicapped during the past twelve months, and which it is not my purpose to relate." However, he secured results and the Committee reports, "We most heartily commend his untiring efforts, under personal handicaps and unprecedented financial conditions."

The Grand High Priest made no visits and his expenses are given as \$8.74. Grand Chapter had to economize but it seems strange that, though Companion Stewart could make no visits, the Grand Treasurer is paid \$150 a year, and the Grand Secretary \$1,250 a year, besides drawing a good salary from the Grand Lodge, the Grand Commandery and the Grand Council.

In a circular letter to the Chapters, the Grand High Priest said, "The financial condition of the Masonic Home is critical," and he urged the utmost support be given to the orphans, widows and aged companions.

He recommended that the Scholarship Loan Fund be discontinued.

He did not attend General Grand Chapter because he could not afford to pay his own expenses, and Grand Chapter had no money.

At the beginning of his year, nineteen Chapters owed Grand Chapter for 1931 dues and twenty owed for 1932. Of \$5,686.32, only \$758.32 was collected during his year. He recommended leniency and Grand Chapter cancelled the balance of these dues provided these Chapters paid the 1933 dues by March 1st, 1934; and so that dues shall be kept paid, the first order of business of Grand Chapter shall be the reading of the list of Chapters who have not rendered their annual report and paid their annual dues, and the Grand High Priest will then declare their charters arrested, and they will stand suspended until such dues are paid. Also, the secretary of each Chapter shall, at the last convocation before June 24th, read a list of all members whose dues are not paid in full to that date, whereupon the High Priest shall declare such members suspended until such dues are paid. (Rather drastic, but, no doubt, advisable.)

The Report of the Committee on Masonry and American Citizenship complained of "the sad state of the public schools in our State, as we have failed to demand as we should, that the public school system must be preserved in all its grandeur of purpose."

No Fraternal Review had been prepared.

64 Chapters. 5,854 Members. Net Loss, 1,462.

E. G. I.

ARIZONA, 1934

The Forty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Arizona was held in the City of Tucson, March 13th, 1934, M. E. Companion James Raymond Malott, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Fifteen Grand Officers and ten Past Grand High Priests were present. Twelve Chapters were represented.

Alberta was represented by R. E. Companion Everett H. McEachren.

The address of M. E. Companion Malott deserves to be considered by all Masons. I heartily concur in his remark that there are too many organizations and I firmly believe that if Masonry is to keep its place in the world, we must give serious consideration to this matter. He says:

"The day in which our fathers lived, when the Masonic organization filled a large and important place in their lives and formed almost the sole outlet for their energies along fraternal social and philosophical lines, had changed to a time when even the most interested of our brethren and companions are so harried by their multiple activities that they have little if any time to give to the study and reflection which true Masonry demands.

"In our Masonic work, there is a widespread feeling that the purely mechanical work of maintaining a number of separate Masonic organizations, with their problems of maintaining interest, securing members, and raising finances, is detracting from our purely Masonic efforts. Our real problems are leadership and membership, and I have long felt the day must and will come when, instead of erecting a barrier of dollars between our Blue Lodge brethren and the beautiful lessons which we exemplify in our Capitular Degrees, we shall be able to invite and accept into our ranks those of our Blue Lodge brethren who have demonstrated by their activities a love for Masonry. I for one would

like to see the Chapter an organization of active Masons whose time and attention is devoted to the education and training of Blue Lodge Masons along Masonic lines, and whose ranks would be continually replenished by those brethren who are truly interested in a Masonic life and philosophy."

I have long held the opinion that a weakness of Masonry is its many branches.

12 Chapters. 1,079 Members. Decrease, 109.

M. E. Companion Clement Henry Colman, Grand High Priest.
M. E. Companion Harry A. Drachman, Grand Secretary.

W.T.C.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1934

The Sixteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia was held in the City of Vancouver on June 20th, 1934.

M. E. Companion Alexander Duff, whose portrait graces the pages of the Proceedings, presided. With him in the Grand East were nine Past Grand First Principals. A good showing.

Alberta's Representative, R. E. Companion J. W. Prescott, was of course, present, as well as our own M. E. Companion Edwin Ironsides who delivered an address.

British Columbia mourns the passing of two distinguished masons in the persons of R. E. Companion John R. Seymour and Companion Wm. J. Bowser, P.G.M.

From a neighbor's standpoint, one of the outstanding features of the Proceedings was the report by the Grand Registrar, R. E. Companion S. Fea. A history of Royal Arch Masonry in British Columbia by Companion Fea would be worth reading. In his report he refers to our late R. E. Companion Arthur W. R. Markely, who assisted at the institution of the Chapter at Fort Steele.

Alberta has nearly enough members in Victoria to take charge of a Chapter. We wonder whether E. Companions Johnson, Summerill and Strathearn are kept busy in Victoria?

R. E. Companion J. W. Prescott was very generous in his review of Alberta.

28 Chapters. 2,491 Members. Decrease, 114.

M. E. Companion A. M. Manson, Grand Z.
R. E. Companion J. W. Prescott, Grand Scribe E.

M.M.D.

CANADA (in Ontario), 1934

The Seventy-sixth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the City of Brockville, Ontario, on February 27th and 28th, 1934, M. E. Companion C. W. Haentschel, the Grand First Principal, in the chair.

We missed the name of R. E. Companion John M. Empey, Alberta's Representative, when the roll was called.

Grand Chapter was given a very hearty welcome by His Worship Mayor (Companion) Dan Lewis.

The Grand Z. during his term of office was also Supreme Grand Master of Great Priory of Canada. He took the opportunity of visiting as far distant as the Yukon. We were glad to see him in Alberta.

He granted 94 Dispensations—to attend Divine Service, to confer all degrees at one convocation and to change date and hour of Regular Convocations. All dispensations were concurred in by the Committee on Grand Z.'s Address.

R. E. Companion James W. Ault, in welcoming the delegates on behalf of St. Lawrence District, expressed his regret that Grand Chapter was convened at this season of the year, otherwise he would have arranged a trip through the Thousand Islands.

The controversy "Scotland vs. New South Wales" was referred to a special committee of Past Grand Z.s. This committee carefully considered the matter, and found that 139 Chapters were working under Scotland and 76 under New South Wales. They recommended that no further action be taken.

Grand Scribe E. reports cash receipts \$15,499 and expenditures (including benevolent grants) \$19,509. Total assets amount to \$104,000.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is again by M. E. Companion William Nisbet Ponton. The topical review with which he prefaces it is of great assistance to the reader.

159 Chapters. 23,021 Members. Decrease, 1,047.

M. E. Companion Alexander Cowan, Barrie, Grand First Principal.

M. E. Companion Edwin Smith, London, Grand Scribe E.

M.M.D.

CALIFORNIA, 1934

Eightieth Annual Convocation at San Francisco, April 17th and 18th. C. A. Marckley, G.H.P. Charles H. King, Alberta's Representative. 128 Chapters. 22,818 members. Net loss for the year, 1,529

The Grand High Priest's address is very exhaustive, covers a wide field, is a masterpiece of thought and is a fine record of work well accomplished. Two paragraphs especially are worth taking to heart:

"Royal Arch Masonry should live to help, and help man to live. It has heart values that are paramount. It exalts the thought of human relations with added responsibilities in special vows assumed at our altars. It appeals to his higher instincts and gives spiritual food to his needy soul."

"As long as the Masonic Fraternity adheres to its immortal teaching and our members strive to comply with the ideals, through study and practice of those teachings, it will live and grow as an indestructible factor in the existence of the human race."

He discourages the formation of new Chapters and encourages rather the amalgamation of existing Chapters as transportation nowadays is so easy. Personal contact, he thinks, should be undertaken before any companion is suspended for N.P.D., for it is better to remit dues than to lose a member who is in adverse financial circumstances.

He frowns on the practice of taking post-dated cheques or promissory notes as fees for exaltation, which seems to be good business sense.

The Grand Chapter heartily endorsed the Anti-Communist report of the Fish Committee; and as heartily condemned a companion who wrote an anonymous letter to the High Priests of California Jurisdiction, terming it a serious Masonic offence warranting prompt disciplinary treatment.

Arthur M. Abbott elected H.G.P. for 1935.

J.V.F.

COLORADO, 1934

The Sixteth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado was held at Denver, Colorado, September 20th, 1934.

Alberta was represented by M. E. Companion W. S. Pickerill.

Grand High Priest, Joseph H. Price.

Sixteen Past Grand High Priests and representatives from forty-six, of the fifty-one chartered Chapters were present.

Distinguished visitors presented and accorded Grand Honours were M. E. Companions O. A. Fick, G.H.P., Nebraska; H. W. Haviland, G.H.P., C. G. West, P.G.H.P., J. B. Kirk, P.G.H.P., of Kansas; M. W. Bro. J. Stansbury, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming; M. W. Bro. C. A. Patton, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

The Grand High Priest visited forty-five of the Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction, and reports a net membership loss of 292, as compared with 433 last year. He states: "This would indicate that we have touched the zero point as to loss in membership and an increase in activity and interest toward recovery and retrieving of losses sustained. It is owing to the suspensions by the constituent Chapters that we record the greatest loss. Two prime factors contribute to this discouraging loss, viz., the lack of petitions for the degrees, and the separation from our membership rolls of those companions who have failed to meet their financial obligations to their Chapters. It is my observation that active work is a paramount requisite. The best remedy yet discovered is individual, personal work. Sustained interest would result and the problem of suspensions would be largely solved." Special mention is made of the passing of M. E. Companion M. H. Van Fleet, Past Grand High Priest.

The Grand Lecturer is to be congratulated on having visited at least once each of the fifty-one Chapters and on his very excellent statistical report. We are surprised to find that 19 High Priests, 29

Kings, and 34 Scribes were unable to confer any part of any degree, and six High Priests were unable to open or close the Chapter.

Alberta 1934 is reviewed.

The Sixty-first Annual Communication will be held in Denver on September 19th, 1935.

Membership, 6,630. 51 Chapters.

Grand High Priest, J. H. Gabriel, Denver.

Grand Scribe, M. E. Blake, Denver.

Grand Secretary, W. W. Cooper, Denver.

A.W.

CONNECTICUT, 1934

One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Annual Convocation at Hartford, May 5th, 1934.

M. E. Companion Robert G. Collins, G.H.P.

All Chapters were represented. Alberta's Representative was absent.

It is refreshing to read the report of the G.H.P., especially to note his optimism about the return of more normal business conditions, and the probability of renewed interest and increased membership in the Royal Craft.

We note with surprise that the G.H.P. and many of his officers were delayed a number of times from official visiting because of storms and blizzards, and that one Chapter had to postpone its regular meeting because of weather conditions. Might we suggest that those E. Companions spend the winter months in Alberta!

Pequabuck Chapter reports that Companion M. L. Tiffany has been elected annually as Principal Sojourner for forty-one years and is still going strong. We congratulate Grand Chapter and also Pepuabuck Chapter on this evidence of fidelity on the part of Companion Tiffany.

Membership, 14,397; decreased 822.

M. E. Companion Rev. James S. Neill elected G.H.P.

J.V.F.

DELAWARE, 1933

The Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the City of Wilmington, Delaware, on January 18th, 1933

Alberta was represented by M. E. Companion J. W. Macklem.

M. E. Companion Harry V. Holloway, Grand High Priest.

Thirty-four Grand Chapters were represented.

Introduced and received with Grand Honours were: R. W. Deputy Grand Master, H. W. T. Purnell, Delaware, and distinguished visitors from Sister Jurisdictions of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, West Virginia, and Maryland.

The Grand High Priest visited officially each of the Chapters in his Grand Jurisdiction. From his address we quote: "Masonry is neither dead nor dying. . . . The pruning period is about over The smallest Chapter in the State has already six petitions and candidates started, and more in prospect. This has been made possible by personal effort. With institutions as in the natural world growth is not constant but periodic and its rate varies with conditions. . . . As I have again and again pointed out in my addresses to the Chapters during my official visits, the prime function of Masonry is the building of MANHOOD. For this work Masonry provides the specifications. Specifications, however, are but worthless paper unless they are made to live in tangible form. . . . Ours is a rich heritage. The noblest concepts of the human mind are to be found in the teachings of Masonry. As guardians of this heritage we are bound by solemn obligations."

The Grand High Priest made a number of courtesy visits to other Grand Jurisdictions, and we quite agree with his statement that no better means has been discovered for developing and perpetuating friendly relationships between Masonic bodies than that of exchanging visits between their officers.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a membership of 1,767, a net loss of 74 for the year.

The Proceedings of Alberta had not been received.

The next Annual Convocation will be held on January 17th, 1934, at Wilmington, Delaware.

M. E. Companion J. P. LeFevre, Dover, Grand High Priest.
R. E. Companion J. W. Macklem, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

A.W.

DELAWARE, 1934

Sixty-sixth Annual Convocation, Wilmington, January 17th, 1934.

M. E. Companion John P. LeFevre, G.H.P.

All Chapters were represented, and Alberta was represented by Companion J. W. Macklem.

The Grand Chapter lost four of its members by death during the year: R. E. Companion W. A. Swigles, Deputy Grand High Priest elect; R. E. Companion Roscoe F. Baylis, Past Grand Scribe; R. E. Companion J. Frank McCoy, Past Grand Scribe, and M. E. Companion James G. Nelson, Past High Priest.

The G.H.P. visited all his constituent Chapters and made several courtesy visits. He closes his report on a note of optimism, believing that Royal Arch Masonry is on the up-grade. His advice is: "Be up and doing. It is time to stop using the depression as an alibi for doing nothing; the future beckons with promise." Sound advice to Royal Arch Masonry throughout the world.

Membership 1,685; decrease 82.

M. E. Companion Henry S. Young elected G.H.P.

J.V.F.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 1934

The Sixty-seventh Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia was held in Washington, on February 14th, 1934.

All Grand Officers, except the Grand Treasurer, who was ill, were present, as well as many representatives from each Chapter. Distinguished visitors, including one from Canada, were welcomed. Cordial greetings were extended to the highest officer of Grand Lodge, Grand Council, Grand Commandery and Scottish Rite.

Our Grand Representative, E. Companion James A. West, was not present.

In his address, Grand High Priest Andrew C. Wilkins, indicates that he had a busy year. The arrangements of the very successful session of General Grand Chapter were ably carried out.

In his routine affairs, he states that he was loyally supported by all his officers.

He (wisely) advocated, "either now or under better conditions, no aggressive campaign for new members, but companions should be on the alert to place before brother Masons the advantages of the Royal Arch. Inactivity is as much to be deplored as over-activity."

"With very few exceptions the ritualistic work is rendered in an excellent manner." This he ascribed to the fine work of the School of Instruction, conducted twice each month, under the direction of the Grand Lecturer and the Committee on Work and Lectures.

The question of permitting the Allied Masonic Degrees was presented to Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, but he concurred in the action of General Grand Chapter which ruled "that it was unwise to look with favor upon any movement designed to supplement or augment the Capitular Degrees."

The Grand Master had issued an edict forbidding the serving of beer in Masonic Temples and the Grand High Priest issued instructions to the Chapters to strictly observe this. Both of these actions were approved.

When the Grand Officers were installed they were aware that a serious year confronted them. They adopted a plan to promote "genuine friendly fellowship" among the companions. Hence their loss in membership was not as heavy as it might have been.

Grand Chapter voted to refund one-third of the per capita tax for 1933 to the Chapters.

A new brilliant luminary has appeared in this Jurisdiction—the new Grand Reviewer, Companion J. Walter Karsner. His comments are full of wisdom. He tersely and fearlessly criticizes and commends.

His foreword is a marvel. He begins, "A spacious hall, the great Round Table, the goodly company, the flower of men—and Gareth—like a novice newcomer assumes his seat in humility and awe. Eagerly he ponders the words of those wise by years of mellowed experience, searching, with but little success, for expressions of stable permanent principles and facts." "Cries for leadership, demands that meetings be made more interesting, that Chapters be more active, but no suggestion as to How." "Platitudes about seeking quality, coupled with

frantic demands for more petitions; at the same time denouncing an era in which the petitions were plentiful and in which Chapters were enabled to fill full their treasuries, and 'our heroes' and 'the flower of the nation' were taken in." "A century-old fraternity is not to be changed whenever leaders-for-a-day assume to see a new political necessity or changed conditions in the outer world. Masonry's mission today, as it was two centuries ago, is to the individual man—and men do not change." "Men join a fraternity (not for instruction) but because they want association of brotherhood with men of common interests and characteristics. A Mason may find his enjoyment in the Degree Work, the drill of the Commandery or the fellowcraft team. The truths of Masonry are the Degrees, and the inspiration, the comfort and the help which each individual draws from them, is in proportion to his own mental equipment and desire."

Of his comments these must suffice—

Under Kentucky—The Grand High Priest stated in a circular to his Inspectors, "It is more essential that each Chapter shall be harmonious and organized for the securing of petitions than that it shall have a perfect ceremony. It is more important that the Chapters work than that they do the work well." Companion Karsner bitingly remarks: "Remember, petitions, hand-shaking, back-slapping, pussy-footing, hard work but Petitions. Just, Go get 'em—for what?"

Under South Carolina—"The Grand High Priest did not deem it wise to try to have a meeting of the Chapter just to receive a visit from him. He does not think the Chapters are dead, but they are asleep and when they wake things will soon right themselves." Companion Karsner comments: "The Chapters are not the only thing that is asleep. Things never right themselves. Who will arouse them if it is not the Grand High Priest."

We will look forward to another of your Reviews, Companion New-comer.

16 Chapters. 5,158 Members. Net Loss, 524.

E.G.I.

FLORIDA, 1934

The Eighty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida was held at Jacksonville on March 20th, 1934.

Our Grand Representative, R. E. Companion Cleveland R. Horne, was present, filling the office of Grand Scribe, and was later elected as Grand King. He became our Representative in M. E. Companion Pollett's year of office, 1933.

All the Grand Officers, including the District Deputy Grand High Priests and thirteen Past Grand High Priests were present.

Grand High Priest R. B. B. Buckmaster in his address reported a busy and fairly successful year. Loss in membership is noted, but he is "sure there is a marked improvement in the interest manifested in Capitular Masonry, and a realization in our privileges and duties."

With five other Grand Officers he attended General Grand Chapter at Washington. One of them, M. E. Companion Cary B. Fish, is chair-

man of the Committee on Permanent Investments of General Grand Chapter, and he had the satisfaction of knowing that not one dollar was lost in any bank. President Roosevelt was able to be present part of the time and received the delegates and their ladies. The Grand High Priest says "that no one could grasp the President's hand and look into his eyes without realizing fully that he is working constantly for the best interests of the common people." He also states, "that whether we agree with the details of the so-called 'New Deal,' it does matter whether or not we, as Royal Arch Masons, realize the fact that we are living, not for ourselves, but for the good of our neighbors and brothers."

Regarding Capitular affairs in his own State, he says that he "had wonderful co-operation from his District Deputies in the face of indifference and lack of interest on the part of their members."

Owing to the serious illness of Grand Lecturer W. B. Greer not so many District Meetings were held as were planned.

The Grand High Priest made a ruling that a companion who was exempt from paying dues and who had tried and failed to affiliate with the Blue Lodge, could not be suspended in the Chapter for non-payment of dues. He also recommended that Grand Chapter "do something of a constructive nature to rescue our Public School System from the state of chaos into which it has drifted."

R. E. Companion Horne made a very forciful address in favor of this and it was resolved, "to appoint a committee to make a thorough and exhaustive study of the present school system and report remedial legislation to Grand Chapter in order to get it before the State Legislature."

As Grand Chapter erects monuments to deceased Grand High Priests, one had been erected on the grave of M. E. Companion Ely P. Hubbell.

Thirteen Chapters owed Grand Chapter \$1,975.

Grand Chapter expended more than its total receipts by over \$1,000. The largest item of expenditure was that of "Mileage and Per Diem" (\$1,667.84) to members who attended Grand Chapter.

No provision had been made for printing a Capitular Review but the committee compiled an interesting table of the membership of the Grand Chapters of the United States and Canada. All Jurisdictions recorded a net loss. The total membership in 1933 was 515,877 and the net loss was 38,573.

45 Chapters. 4,222 Members. Net Loss, 758

E.G.I.

IDAHO, 1934

The Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation was held at Payette, Idaho, May 15th and 16th, 1934.

Alberta was represented by Ex. Companion R. V. Locey, Weiser. Companion J. G. Morris, of Alberta, was present.

Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion A. E. White.

M. E. Companion R. A. Woods, Past Grand High Priest of Indiana and Most Puissant General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the United States, was a distinguished visitor.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, states: "After considerable study of Capitular affairs, I determined upon a course of action in an endeavor to revive interest throughout the State, which included the contacting of as many of the Chapters and companions as possible by personal visits and correspondence."

His first official visit was to a district meeting consisting of six Chapters.

The Committee on the Doings of Grand Officers reports that the Grand High Priest was very diligent in furthering the interests of the Grand Chapter. In some cases where it was impossible for him to reach various Chapters in certain localities he arranged district meetings at which all could be represented. A splendid plan from the standpoint of contact with more Chapter members and their officers, as well as being economical.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the recommendation that the present fee of \$25.00 for all Chapter degrees be continued, although a minority report was submitted asking that it be reduced to \$15.00.

The Grand High Priest officially and cordially welcomed Companions Venable, Platt and Kostenbader, of Payette Chapter, No. 8, as Masons of fifty years' standing.

Companion Albert White, Grand Master of the Second Veil, and father of the retiring Grand High Priest, very fittingly presented his son with a Past Grand High Watch.

Alberta received a full page in the review.

Grand High Priest, John W. Shore, Silver City.
Grand Secretary, Ed. H. Way, Boise.

Membership, 2,132. Chapters, 23.

A.W.

ILLINOIS, 1934

The Eighty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois was held at Chicago on October 25th, 1934.

All Grand Chapter Officers, twelve Past Grand High Priests and all of the twenty-seven District Inspectors were present.

E. Companion William Sayer, our Grand Representative, appointed in 1933, showed his interest by being on hand at Roll Call.

The address of Grand High Priest O. H. Woodworth was brief and business-like. He had no decisions to make, but received many queries regarding points of law which the Code answered.

Four Chapters were consolidated into two. Thirty-eight Chapters took advantage of the liberal offer of discharging their obligations to Grand Chapter by giving notes, whereby payments were spread over ten semi-annual payments at 2 per cent interest.

He refused to grant a dispensation for holding a stated convocation at a date later than that provided by by-laws.

Five Schools of Instruction under the direction of Grand Examiners and Grand Lecturers were held, and wonderful results in uniformity in the work has resulted. Each Chapter is inspected and examined annually on the same degree, a grading system being used, and the Chapter notified of the results.

He recommended (and it was approved) that a companion who had demitted might be re-instated in the same Chapter by a two-thirds vote.

Instead of a Chapter surrendering its Charter, he recommended that the Chapter be merged with a nearby Chapter and the membership transferred en bloc. The usual custom is to grant demits to the companions who often do not affiliate elsewhere.

Finances are in a satisfactory conditions: \$106,000 in bonds and over \$31,000 cash in bank. \$6,000 was donated to two hospitals. The Chapters were aided by refunding 15c per member of the per capita tax for the past year. Salaries: Grand High Priest, \$1,000; his stenographer, \$300; Grand Secretary, \$3,300 and Grand Treasurer, \$500. They pay mileage and a per diem amount of \$14.00 to each Chapter irpresentative. Thus each member in Chicago receives \$15.00 to attend ne his own city.

In an address, Grand Master Niemeyer, of Illinois, advocates a closer working union between Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters and Grand Commandery. We recognize these as kindred bodies, but not officially. We believe much could be said in favor of recognition.

We find this statement repeatedly: "We paid too much attention to the perfection of the ritual and manner of conferring degrees, and not enough to brotherliness, social entertainment and education."

The Fraternal Review is well written by Past Grand High Priest Everett R. Turnbull. Not having been instructed to curtail his reviews he quotes freely. In his Foreword he deplores the loss of over 8,000 members in Illinois. He points out, however, that the years of Israel's captivity were called the "golden age." Israel did come back and was re-established a nation under almost impossible conditions and never again did she depart from the worship of the God of Abraham. The lesson is plain for us of today.

Of our Irish Grand First Principal, "Andy" Davison, he remarks: "The Irish are the oldest people on earth; Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden for 'the wearing of the green'."

233 Chapters. 63,212 Members. Net loss, 8,361.

E.G.I.

INDIANA, 1933

The Eighty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Indiana was held at Lafayette on October 18th and 19th, 1933.

The sessions were presided over by the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion George C. Cole, with eighteen Past Grand High Priests present, among them being M. Puissant Companion Robert A. Woods,

Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the United States, Royal and Select Masters.

E. Companion R. H. M. Britton, Alberta's Representative, was present.

Distinguished visitors were present from Ohio, New York, the General Grand Chapter, the Grand Commandery, and the Grand Council.

The Grand High Priest has missed only one meeting of Grand Chapter in twenty-six years—a splendid record. He approved of by-laws of eight Chapters reducing the fee to \$20.00 for exaltation.

We excerpt from the Grand Lecturer's report:

"From these fraternal visits has sprung a desire to enjoy continued fellowship, which has resulted in the formation of Royal Arch Chapter Associations, composed of three or more Chapters. In many sections of the State these associations have drawn the companions together in bonds of fraternal friendship; and, in combining talent of the Chapters, has thus enabled them to present the degrees in a far more excellent and imposing manner than can be attained in the great majority of the Chapters of this State by their own individual effort—not from lack of ability or zeal, but from lack of attendance, properly to present certain of the degrees."

This should interest our Calgary and Edmonton Companions.

No action was taken regarding the New South Wales vs. Scotland controversy.

Order of the High Priesthood held a session at the close of Grand Chapter.

The Chapters of the United States had an aggregate loss last year of 53,960.

Alberta is given liberal reviews for 1932 and 1933.

116 Chapters. 28,066 Members. Decrease, 1,988.

M. E. Companion Stanley G. Myers, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion Robert A. Woods, Grand Secretary and Reviewer.

M.M.D.

IOWA, 1933

The Eighty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Iowa was held at Davenport on October 18th, 1933. M. E. Companion Harry M. Bradley, Grand High Priest, presided.

E. Companion L. J. Clarke, Alberta's Representative, was present. We excerpt from the Grand High Priest's address:

"I am confident that if this Masonic institution was threatened by a foe from without, there would be an immediate response and the Masons of this nation would stand shoulder to shoulder, presenting a solid phalanx in defence of their rights. Yet today we are menaced by a foe more insidious, more baffling, and more dangerous to our future than any from without, and that is the apathy and indifference within our own Order."

The Grand Secretary reported cash receipts \$9,064, disbursements \$11,144, and cash and securities on hand \$35,000.

The Grand Secretary, R. E. Companion O. F. Graves, was elected Grand Secretary Emeritus.

118 Chapters. 17,760 Members. Decrease, 1,815.

M. E. Companion E. W. F. Holler, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion George E. Masters, Grand Secretary.

M. M. D.

KENTUCKY, 1934

The One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky was held in the City of Louisville, October 16th and 17th, 1934, the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion W. D. Cannan, presiding.

Seventeen Grand Officers and twenty-one Past Grand High Priests were present. 106 Chapters were represented.

During the year two Grand High Priests passed to their final reward.

Two Chapters were consolidated; an example, I think, that might be followed by a number of the weaker Chapters in our own Jurisdiction who are finding it hard to carry on under prevailing conditions.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a comprehensive report of a busy year. Matters coming before him were handled in a purely Masonic spirit and all his decisions were concurred in by the Grand Chapter.

Alberta is given nearly a page in the review of M. E. Companion William W. Clarke.

120 Chapters, 10,668 Members. Decrease, 1,141.

M. E. Companion John M. Cochran, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion G. Allison Holland, Grand Secretary.

W. T. C.

LOUISIANA, 1934

Eighty-seventh Annual Convocation at New Orleans, February 6th and 7th, 1934.

M. E. Companion Cary P. Duncan, G. H. P.

Alberta's representative, Companion Leo S. Haas, was present.

During the year Grand Chapter lost by death Past G. H. Priests B. B. Purser and Dr. H. A. King and also its Grand Principal Sojourner, Theodore Roehl.

Among dispensations refused was one to receive petition, refer to committee, ballot thereon and confer the Degrees of Mark Past

Master and M. E. Master at one and the same Convocation. I think that almost everyone will approve of this decision. No rulings were required; no grievances or appeals were made.

A resolution of the Finance Committee asking that the per capita tax be raised from 50c to 75c was rejected.

Membership 5,611; loss 184.

M. E. Companion D. P. Laguens, Jr., elected G.H.P.

J.V.F.

MAINE, 1934

The One Hundred and Ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Maine was held in the City of Portland, May 1st and 2nd, 1934, Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Benjamin L. Hadley, presiding.

Alberta was represented by W. Scott Shorey.

Distinguished guests included representatives from the Grand Chapters of New York, Massachusetts, Quebec, Indiana, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire, and the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, William T. S. O'Hara.

The address of the Grand High Priest concisely reported his year's work. This Grand Chapter, like many others, is feeling the effects of the times; a loss of 823 members during the year is recorded.

Apparently some of the Chapters in Maine are like some I know, as I note that on the visit of the Grand High Priest to a Chapter with a membership of 139 fifteen were present, and at another, with a membership of 335, thirty were present.

Companion S. H. Hodge devotes a page and a half of his review to Alberta 1933, and quotes freely from address of M. E. Companion Follett.

68 Chapters. 14,703 Members. Decrease, 823.

M. E. Companion Benjamin L. Badley, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion Convers E. Leach, Grand Secretary.

W.T.C.

MANITOBA, 1934

The Eleventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba was held in the City of Winnipeg on 7th February, 1934.

M. E. Companion H. L. Adolph, K.C., Grand Z., presided, with five Past Grand First Principals in attendance.

Alberta's Representative was not present. Distinguished Visitors were present from the Grand Chapters in Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Ontario and Michigan.

In the passing of M. E. Companion William G. Scott, Alberta mourns with Manitoba, for he was one of Alberta's Honorary Grand Masters.

No action was taken in connection with the New South Wales vs. Scotland controversy. It was thought best to allow these two Grand Chapters to settle their own differences.

One Chapter surrendered its charter.

Alberta 1933 was courteously reviewed by E. Companion George Macauley.

16 Chapters. 1,577 Members. Decrease, 108.

M. E. Companion J. F. Dart, Grand Z.

R. E. Companion George Syme, Grand Scribe E.

M. M. D.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1934

The One Hundred and Thirty-sixty Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Massachusetts was held in the City of Boston, December 11th, 1934.

Quarterly meetings were held on March 13th, June 12th, and September 11th.

Alberta was represented at the March and September meetings.

At the March meeting, M. E. Companion W. T. S. O'Hara, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, was received.

The Committee on By-Laws disapproved an amendment to establish a non-resident rate for dues in a subordinate Chapter, as it was considered unfair to ask a Chapter to reduce the annual dues, when the non-resident member can enjoy all the privileges which go with his ability to visit the Chapters wherever he is located.

At the June meeting, M. W. Grand Master Curtis Chipman, of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, accompanied by Deputy Grand Master Clarence Alberga, of the Grand Lodge of Panama were present. The Grand Master presented M. E. Companion Lowe with the Henry Price Medal, stating that "Companionship was a better word than Brethren, it simply was a continuance of the Great Adventure in Fraternalism; brotherhood opens the door—companionship continues and completes the journey.

At the September meeting the Paul Revere Medal was presented to R. E. Companion D. W. Battles, Past Grand Scribe, and an interesting address was given by Rev. F. W. Hamilton, D.D., LL.D., Grand Chaplain.

At the Annual Convocation, the Committee on Returns reported a loss of 2,182, leaving a net membership of 33,722, and the Auditing Committee reported a balance on hand in the hands of the Treasurer of \$4,871.79 and a total in the invested funds of \$119,286.62 and in the George M. Rice fund of \$1,074.89. At this meeting the M. E. Grand High Priest presented E. Companion J. H. Hunter, 94 years old, with

a medal covering his membership of 71 years in the Masonic Fraternity 68 of which were in Capitular Masonry—truly a wonderful record. Our congratulations, Companion Hunter.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Ralph Lowe, Jr. reviewed his activities for the year. His visitations were many, covering all sections and districts of the State and many Grand Jurisdictions, aggregating probably 3,000 miles.

Appropriate memorials were prepared and placed on record for six distinguished companions who passed to the Great Beyond, namely R. E. Companions Preston, Smith, Billings, Howe, Emerson and Morrow.

The Grand High Priest ruled that a Mason suspended or expelled by the Grand Lodge from all rights and privileges of Masonry is not and cannot be considered in good standing in the Capitular Rite. This is as it should be.

\$400.00 was disbursed (through several subordinate Chapters by the Standing Committee on Education) to the children of worthy or deceased companions during the year. This is indeed a very practical and commendable method of applying the principles and lessons of Capitular Masonry.

The projected programme outlined by the Grand High Priest should be read and carefully considered by every subordinate Chapter as it is worthy of consideration.

In conclusion he states: "I ask you all by your individual and collective vision to look to the future with Faith, Courage and Determination. Our work ahead demands deliberation coupled with optimism constructively displayed. If correctly executed it will result in a revival of that virile wholesome spirit of Capitularism which was constantly persistently and successively practiced by our illustrious predecessors under conditions more trying and exacting than we have encountered, and which has placed upon our shoulders a heritage and record which we are in duty bound to equal and, if possible, to excel."

Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Ralph Lowe, Jr., Milton, Mass.

Grand Secretary, R. E. Companion Raymond T. Sewell, Boston, Mass.

Membership, 33,722. Chapters, 97.

A.W.

MICHIGAN, 1934

Eighty-fifth Convocation, Detroit, May 15th, 1934.

M. E. Companion Arthur S. Hudson, G.H.P.

Sixty-five Chapters were represented. Alberta was unrepresented.

This Grand Body did not meet in 1933 because of financial difficulties. The G.H.P. did not hesitate to take heroic action to meet the emergency. In this, we think, he is to be highly commended. The reviewer is old-fashioned enough to believe that Masonic bodies as well as individuals, should live within their incomes. Had this common-sense principle been rigidly practised in the past a great many of our

recent and present difficulties would not have arisen. By postponing the meeting of Grand Chapter for one year, the cash balance rose from \$1,041.43 (May 15th, 1933) to \$5,689.86 (May 1st, 1934).

The G.H.P. reports that the subordinate Chapters increased their activities and that his Grand Officers redoubled their efforts to emphasize Masonic teachings.

The address of the G.H.P. deals largely with matters affecting his two-year term of office, but he makes recommendations that might well be considered by Chapters generally, viz: That Chapter meetings be made more entertaining and instructive and that Grand Chapter appoint an Educational Committee to formulate plans, draw up suitable programs, suggest suitable speakers who are available in all parts of the Jurisdiction to speak on Masonic and secular subjects, and in every way possible assist and encourage those Chapters that are groping for something worth while to do.

A resolution to reduce the minimum exaltation fee from \$25.00 to \$15.00 was voted down. Many Royal Arch Associations were formed by Chapters in various districts for the purpose of strengthening the individual Chapters, increasing proficiency in the ritualistic work, promoting fellowship and good will, and quickening the fires of Capitular Masonry in a day when zeal is needed more than it ever was before.

Membership 36,181; net loss 3,089.

Orrin G. Pickford elected G.H.P.

J.V.F.

MISSISSIPPI, 1934

The Eighty-sixth Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi was convened at Vicksburg, February 14th, 1934, with R. K. Smith, M. E. Grand High Priest, presiding.

In the interest of economy the Grand High Priest did not make as many visits as customary, but, at that, he did attend a goodly number. Referring to the state of the Craft, the Grand High Priest places the responsibility for the success of a Chapter on the High Priests. He expects (and quite rightly) leadership from them, and adopts the suggested slogan: "Let's put more Masonry in men."

There were fifty-two exaltations during the year, an increase of ten over the previous year. The membership is registered at 3,254. There were fifty-seven subordinate Chapters on record.

Alberta was not represented.

James L. Williams, Indianola, was elected Grand High Priest.
J.W.G.

MISSOURI, 1934

The Eighty-eighth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in St. Louis on April 24 and 25th, 1934.

M. E. Companion Thomas A. Harbaugh, Grand High Priest, presided.

There were present Grand Representatives of forty-eight other Jurisdictions, Alberta being included.

A very cordial address of welcome to the Grand Chapter was delivered by Ex. Companion Kremer, who said, in part: "I trust you will pardon me if I point with a little pride to the fact that Missouri Chapter is in its one hundred and fourteenth year of existence. Missouri Chapter was issued its letters of dispensation in the year 1819, by Dewitt Clinton, at that time the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States and also Governor of the State of New York."

Among the distinguished visitors were the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons of Missouri; the Grand Master of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Missouri; the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the State of Missouri; the Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the State of Missouri, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction, and Most Excellent Companions from Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, Tennessee, Texas, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Ohio.

The address of the Grand High Priest dealt with many matters of importance regarding Royal Arch Masonry in Missouri. During the year he made forty-seven visitations, which indicates a very busy year.

Mention is made of the invitation extended to the General Grand Chapter to hold its 1936 Triennial within the jurisdiction of Missouri.

The report of the Committee on Necrology stated that the official ranks of the Grand Chapter had not been broken by death, yet the Grand Chapter suffered a severe loss in the death of M. E. Companion E. F. Von Gunden, Past Grand High Priest. Reference was made to the passing of 399 companions of the Grand Chapter and of distinguished companions in several other jurisdictions in the United States.

The Grand Lecturer visited eighty-five separate Chapters with twenty-eight return visits to various Chapters. He stated: "If I read the signs aright, the sun will soon be shining brightly once more."

The Review of the Capitular year covers ninety-one pages; Alberta receives recognition.

Total membership, 22,518. Net loss, 3,271.

Willis J. Bray, Grand High Priest, Kirksville.
Ray V. Denslow, Grand Secretary, Trenton.

A.W.

NEBRASKA, 1934

The Sixty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska was held at Omaha on December 5th, 1934.

All Grand Officers were present except the Grand Master of the Second Veil, who had recently died.

Of course our worthy Grand Representative, E. Companion Dr. Hayes Gsantner, was on hand. He has represented Alberta for thirteen years and this writer recalls many kind acts and friendly correspondence, especially when he was Grand Scribe E. in 1922-3-4. We now represent each other's Jurisdictions.

Many distinguished guests were welcomed—M. E. Companion William T. S. O'Hara, General Grand High Priest, and the Grand High Priests of Wyoming, South Dakota, Kansas, Colorado and many others. Fifteen Past Grand High Priests of Nebraska also were present.

The Finance Committee congratulated Grand High Priest Oliver A. Fick "on his very fine, able and business-like administration of his high office," and judging from his reports in this address this praise was merited. He noted that their Grand Chapter had existed almost three score years and ten. In that time electric light has replaced the tallow candle; train, auto and aeroplane have superseded the horse and wagon; the radio and many other devices have made amazing changes; but when it comes to Masonry, he finds his problems similar to those of his predecessors—the Royal Arch Masonry of today is the same as that of seventy years ago. Truth is unchangable and is uninfluenced by time or conditions.

As instructed, a Committee had been appointed to recodify the Law and their report was discussed, section by section and finally approved.

M. E. Companion Fick believes that many entered masonry after the war out of curiosity or for material gain; these used the "depression" as an excuse to allow themselves to be suspended.

He recommends a program of Masonic Education. (We all agree to that.)

Finances—A surplus for the year was shown.

The Masonic Home for Children and the Home for Old Folks were amply provided for.

No Fraternal Review.

55 Chapters. 6,354 Members. Net Loss, 544.

E.G.I.

NEVADA, 1934

The Sixty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nevada was held at Sparks on June 12th, 1934, with M. E. Grand High Priest George L. Swartz, presiding.

Companion Wesley Jones responded on behalf of Alberta.

During his year of office the Grand High Priest visited each Chapter in the jurisdiction. In his address he called attention to the fact that we have been overworking the depression idea. Correct. His remarks are well worth repeating:

"The events of the Royal Arch degrees begin at a time when the sun of Israel seemed to have forever set and there seemed nothing worth while left in the lives of these people. Then came the return to Jerusalem—the building of the second Temple—the recovery of that invaluable thing—that symbol of spiritual things—the ultimate object of the search in Masonry. And at that time they gave us their finest teachings—their noblest conception of God. All of these grew out of a time when adversity gave them

time and opportunity to think —when they had ceased giving all of their effort to money making and began to seriously consider the worth while things of life.

"There is an almost exact parallel in our own history of the past few years. We too, rode the crest of the wave; we were apparently sailing smooth seas; but we were forgetting the worth-while things of life.

"And then came the storm, the catastrophe, and what we call the 'depression'. And we weakly lay our present plight upon the depression; forgetting that the depression was a result and not a cause.

"If from this low ebb we can again regain the 'word', precious symbol of high ideals, our tribulations will not have been in vain.

"The real challenge to Masonry, and it is a real menace, is the tendency for us individually to drift into the spirit of the times and become swayed by the dominating influence of selfishness, avarice and greed now embracing every walk of life.

"The responsibility is ours and we should meet the challenge, determined to discharge the trust and to pass on the heritage of Royal Arch Masonry which has been brought down to us."

Companion Harold R. Amends was elected Grand High Priest.

Membership, 616. Foreign jurisdictions not reviewed.

J.W.G.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Hampshire was held at Concord on May 15th, 1934.

All Grand Officers except the Grand Treasurer, nine Past Grand High Priests and Representatives from twenty-four of the twenty-six Chapters were present.

Our Grand Representative, E. Companion W. B. Randall, was not present.

Grand High Priest Weston Wentworth in his address said he had "no problems of a special or peculiar nature to solve." The Chapters had had little to do. This had made the visitations to Chapters a quiet formality rather than a helpful reality. The Chapters were as healthy as could be expected under the circumstances, for they had an ailment common to a tired world. Late in the year a plan of systematic education had come from the General Grand High Priest, but "it was too late to attempt to try it out."

Grand Chapter lost two of its best Past Grand Officers: M. E. Companion H. L. Sanderson, Grand Treasurer, died on January 22nd, and M. E. Companion G. S. French, who was Grand High Priest in 1932, passed on on September 17th.

The reports of visitations show all but two Chapters in good condition.

Grand Chapter remitted the per capita tax on all those members whose annual dues had been remitted by the Chapters.

No Fraternal Review is published.

26 Chapters. 4,642 Members. Net Loss, 277.

E.G.I.

NEW JERSEY, 1934

Sixty-eighth Annual Convocation, Trenton, May 9th, 1934.

M. E. Companion Howard L. Carter, G.H.P.

Forty-four of the chartered Chapters were represented. Alberta was represented by R. E. Companion William H. Pike.

Among the distinguished visitors was M. E. Companion William T. S. O'Hara, General G.H.P. of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of U.S.A.

The report of the G.H.P. is a recital of work well done by an efficient officer. The only decision made was that it was not possible for Grand Chapter to remit the per capita dues of members whose dues had been remitted by a subordinate Chapter.

The Grand Secretary reports a total membership of 16,138, with a net loss of 1,584; yet he thinks prospects are much more encouraging and that we have "rounded the corner." He advocates restoration of suspended and demitted members; a matter that perhaps is not sufficiently considered by all of us, in our efforts to increase our membership.

The Committee on Charity reported no business for its consideration during the year.

M. E. Companion J. Sargent elected G.H.P.

J.V.F.

NEW MEXICO, 1934

The Thirty-six h Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Mexico was held at Albuquerque on March 22nd, 1934.

All Grand Chapter officers were present.

Our (newly appointed) Grand Representative, Companion Harry H. Errett, was absent.

Grand High Priest Hohn W. Hanners' photograph suggests that he is able to do things. His report is modest, yet the Committee on his Address compliment him for his efficiency during a troublesome year. "he was often almost overcome with discouragement, but always came the strength to carry on." He quotes a poem, part of which we reproduce—

DON'T QUIT

"When things go wrong, as they sometimes will;
When the road you are trudging seems all uphill;
When funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile but you have to sigh;
When care is pressing you down a bit
Rest if you want but don't you quit."

This Grand Jurisdiction has had few, if any, Grand Representatives so Grand Chapter instructed the Grand High Priest to arrange for the appointment and exchange of the same and he made a complete job of it.

He had no decisions and no dispensations to make, although Alberta would have required one which he did not think necessary, i.e., a dispensation to hold a Joint Installation. One or the other of the Chapters must have installed officers on a date other than their stated date of meeting.

He recommended:

1. That the assessment of 25 cents per member for the Triennial Fund (which is to take care of expenses to General Grand Chapter) be suspended for three years. Grand Chapter approved but cut it down to one year.

2. That the minimum fee for the Capitular Degrees be reduced from \$50.00 to \$30.00. However (quite properly we think) Grand Chapter voted to allow this for two years only.

The financial condition is satisfactory.

It appears that Grand Lecturer George L. Machen is also the Grand Lecturer for the Grand Lodge. He had tried to perform his duties for both bodies at the same time in each town, but found it did not work well, so he plans to work them separately. He presided at a Joint Installation of Chapter Officers and Knights Templar Officers, which would not be allowed in Alberta, for although both bodies here work in harmony they do not officially recognize one another.

M. E. Companion Reuben Perry is the Foreign Correspondent. He writes a nice Review, and Alberta for 1933, under M. E. Companion Dr. Follett, is given a pleasing and complete writeup. He states: "We are being convinced that Reviews have been and are the greatest force for uniformity in laws and procedure in the Masonic Juridictions: The noting of different ways of doing things and the views expressed in comment are enlightening and of great information and result in the broadening of our outlook and understanding."

Under Kentucky, he indicates a strange affair of the Grand Chapter of Ireland. The Irish Free State Government has adopted a new high scale of customs duties, which amounts to about 72 cents on the Proceedings of Grand Chapter, so that Ireland has requested that no Proceedings be sent to them.

Under West Virginia it was ruled "that a Chapter shall not confer the degree of Past Master upon a Warden-elect of a Blue Lodge." He said this would be allowed in New Mexico. In Alberta the degree of Past Master in a Blue Lodge and that in a Chapter are very different.

He mentions the fact that in many Chapters, "Welfare Committees" have been appointed to enquire into the condition, financially, of every delinquent member.

15 Chapters. 1,520 Members. Net Loss, 199.

E.G.I.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1933

The Proceedings covers the Quarterly Convocations held on 8th February, 10th May, 9th August 8th November, and a special Convocation, 12th December, 1933.

M. E. Companion Albert Chandler, Grand First Principal, presided at each convocation. Alberta's Representative, M. E. Companion C. E. Abbott, was present.

The difficulty with Scotland takes precedence over all other subjects. We sympathize with New South Wales. Alberta is in fraternal intercourse with both Grand Chapters, and we feel for our Australian friends in this controversy. We are of the opinion that Scotland should be prepared to meet the situation in a truly Masonic manner so that harmonious relations may be restored. Might we suggest that Queensland, Victoria and New Zealand tender their kind offices? Surely there is a common ground which might unite Royal Arch Masonry in this part of the Empire.

75 Chapters. 3,184 Members. Decrease, 171.

M. E. Companion Albert Chandler, Grand First Principal.

R. E. Companion F. R. Sinden, Grand Scribe E.

M.M.D.

NEW YORK, 1934

The One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New York was held in the City of Albany on February 6th, 1934, the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Robert F. James, presiding.

Fifteen Grand Officers and fifteen Past Grand High Priests were present. 218 of the 227 Chapters were represented. Alberta's Representative was not among the thirty-five Grand Representatives present; we hope he was not ill.

Distinguished visitors were in attendance from the Grand Chapters of Quebec, Delaware, New Jersey, Ohio, Vermont, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and included the Most Excellent Companion William Tecumseh Sherman O'Hara, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

The address of the Grand High Priest was very complete and covered all the activities of Grand Chapter. His chart, showing the course of their membership over the years and how the number of companions compare with the number of Master Masons and with the population of the State, is well worth studying and consideration.

M. E. Companion George E. Briggs, who writes the Correspondence Report, devotes three pages to Alberta 1932 and 1933.

217 Chapters. 56,349 Members. Decrease, 5,815.

M. E. Companion Adrian A. Pierson, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion Charles C. Hunt, Grand Secretary.

W.T.C.

NEW ZEALAND, 1934

The Forty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New Zealand was held in New Plymouth on Wednesday, March 7th, 1934.

M. E. Companion T. R. Tracy-Inglis, Grand Z., presided. Ten Past Grand First Principals graced the proceedings.

V. E. Companion R. W. Stiles, Alberta's Representative, was present.

The Grand Chapter of England and Ireland have a number of constituent Chapters in New Zealand. We often wonder why these Chapters do not transfer their allegiance to the Grand Chapter near home.

A petition for a new Chapter was received. A period of progress and prosperity appears probable.

There seems to be some difference of opinion in this Grand Body as to whether a committee is in charge of Grand Chapter during the recess or whether the Grand Z. is the official. In Alberta, our Grand First Principal, and not a committee, is the officer who grants all dispensations and makes any decisions.

The question of having a common secretary with Grand Lodge was discussed, but it was decided to maintain the office of Grand Scribe E.

71 Chapters. 3,788 Members. Decrease, 373.

M. E. Companion James McAllister, Grand First Principal.

M. E. Companion C. W. Nielsen, Grand Scribe E.

M. M. D.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1934

The One Hundred and Twelfth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina was held at Wilmington on May 8th and 9th, 1934.

All Grand Chapter Officers were present. Our Grand Representative, J. Edward Allen, did not answer at roll call, but was present on the second day. Besides serving on Committees, he is rated as one of the finest reviewers among the Knights of the Round Table. He is also the Grand Representative of Ireland, and as there are only six such representatives in the United States we feel honored in having him as our Representative. He is also President of "The Guild," which is a body composed of the Grand Secretaries and Reviewers of United States.

The Grand Officers of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, as well as the Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery, were received and welcomed in a body. M. E. Companion John H. Anderson, Grand King of the General Grand Chapter, was also present.

After reading the address of Grand High Priest John H. Enwright we conclude he was active and zealous; he was commended by the Jurisprudence Committee. He attended many meetings of the Capital Districts. He advocates Masonic education and recommends that a committee be appointed to further this. He makes one statement, with which we are not in accord, i.e., "Most of us are seeking the pleasant paths and broad roads to Masonic knowledge and few of us are dominated by any consuming desire for self-culture. We are all possessed with a desire to subdue our baser passions and to improve ourselves as much as possible, without taking too much time or trouble about it." If that is so, it may explain why so many are

dropping out of Masonry, and indicate that more Masonic education is needed.

Evidently the Masonic Bodies did not secure proper supervision over the moneys granted to students by the Educational Loan Fund. Now, (rather late) it is enacted "that the funds allotted to the various colleges are not to be considered as gifts to said institutes, but as trust funds to be used for the exclusive purpose of being loaned to deserving students in need of financial assistance." The Fund may be withdrawn from any institution at anytime.

Several Chapters, almost dormant or in financial straits, were (wisely) treated leniently and given a further opportunity to revive.

Grand Lecturer E. R. Smith, who was commended for his good work reports "that he does not hesitate to say that there is a decided improvement in Chapter conditions."

And now for something from M. E. Companion J. Edward Allen, reviewer par excellence. He compiles many fine statistical tables. We note that in the membership tables of all Masonic Bodies it was not necessary to have a "Net Gain" column, as all showed losses for 1933. He says in his Foreword, "Statistical tables have set up a monotonous voice of suspensions, demits, of exaltations reduced to a minimum and of unbelievable net losses," but a better day is in sight. His comments and criticisms are witty and wise. He chastises California, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri and other for the amounts of "Mileage" and Per Diem," but we note that North Carolina appropriates a fair amount (\$600.00) for mileage. In Chicago, for a two-day session, each member resident there received \$15.00 to attend Grand Chapter in his own city, and in Minnesota, members living in St. Paul received \$5.00 a day to attend in that city, and, yet, the Finance Committee whittled away to make ends meet.

Under Massachusetts: "Russia has gone so far as to abolish God by an edict, but I am afraid that the rest of the world has done practically the same thing by neglect."

He quotes the Grand High Priest as recommending that the financial problem be tabled for a year, and comments that during the depression Grand Bodies should not try to balance their budgets, but draw on their reserve. We heartily agree.

Under Ohio: A Chapter had a companion in the Insane Hospital. They did not wish to suspend him, but asked that they be relieved of paying the 40 cents per capita tax to the Grand Chapter. The Grand High Priest asked Grand Chapter to rule on this, but his remarks were somewhat caustic as the Chapter had plenty of funds. The Ohio Grand High Priest believes that the average man, under suspension feels that he has been kicked out, and feels that he was good enough so long as he could pay his dues.

Under Nova Scotia: "One of the worst effect of wholesale suspensions is that those who have taken our sacred obligations are now not only not with us, are indifferent, but are, in many cases, positively using their influence against us." Allen adds, "that they will be scoffers who will deter petitioners for our degrees."

He intersperses his reviews with some beautiful selections of poetry.

Apparently Alberta Proceedings did not reach his desk:

46 Chapters. 4,511 Members. Net Loss, 1015.

E.G.I.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1934

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota was held at Fargo on January 23rd, 1934.

E. Companion Albert G. Johnson, Grand Master of the Royal and Select Masters; M. E. Companion Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Commander of the Knights Templars and E. Companion Walter R. Reed, Inspector General Scottish Rite, were presented and warmly welcomed. A separate reception was given to M. Wor. Brother Earl K. Bitzing, Grand Mason of Masons.

The Proceedings are a combination of Grand Chapter for 1933 and of the Royal and Select Masters for 1932 and 1933, these bodies recognizing each other and working in harmony.

E. Companion Walter R. Reed, mentioned above, is our Grand Representative, so we have a right to be proud of him.

Because of financial conditions, no invitations were sent out to sister Jurisdictions. Grand Chapter finances appear to be in a bad way. Evidently someone was reckless, as Stockwell says, "Never again should we permit this Grand Chapter to use up a \$10,000 surplus." But affairs should soon better be as they are cutting expenses drastically.

The address of Grand High Priest W. F. Boylan is not long. He did not do much visiting of Chapters and had no decisions to render. The financial affairs of the Educational Fund to students were tightened and delinquents were exhorted to try to pay up.

M. E. Companion Boylan recommended the appointment of a Committee to investigate the advisability of consolidating some of the weaker Chapters. Also that the Chapters appoint strong Educational Committees, who will use the material provided by Grand Chapter, and so encourage more interest in the Chapters.

Grand Secretary Walter L. Stockwell appears to be as active a Mason as ever. If all Grand Officers considered their duties as he does, North Dakota and some other Jurisdictions, would not be bewailing the hard times. He believes the general condition of their Chapters has improved.

The Grand Lecturer visited two Chapters only, as no travelling expenses had been voted. However \$100 was in the budget for him this year, which we approve of, as the Lecturer, of all officers, should be active. We note that "Mileage" for delegates was \$417.00.

A motion to reduce the Exaltation fee was laid over for one year.

Of the six District Deputies only three gave a good account of their services. One had been out of his district for several months. In Alberta, someone would have been appointed to replace him.

There is no Fraternal Review.

25 Chapters. 2,850 Members. Net Loss, 249.

E. G. I.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1934

The Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia (which includes Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland)

was held in the City of Halifax on June 12th, 1934. The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Henry S. Theakston, presided. Five Past Grand High Priests were in attendance.

We note the appointment of a new Representative for Alberta, R. E. Companion J. E. Phinney. We trust he will be present in 1935.

The Grand High Priest delivered a short business address. He issued a number of dispensations, and gave some decisions, all of which appear quite regular to us.

Nova Scotia has cut down the size of its Proceedings, the result of economy measures taken during the session. Correspondence is reduced 50 per cent and Grand Superintendents' reports and the list of members omitted.

The Grand High Priest was re-elected for a second term.

22 Chapters 2,010 Members. Decrease, 217.

M. E. Companion Henry S. Theakston, Grand High Priest:

R. E. Companion Brenton F. Porter, Grand Secretary and Fraternal Correspondent.

M.M.D.

OKLAHOMA, 1934

Forty-fifth Annual Convocation at Tulsa, Oklahoma, April 18th and 19th, 1934.

M. E. Companion Walter M. Rainey, G.H.P.

Alberta was represented by Companion Edward P. Gallup.

70 Chapters; 56 being represented.

The G.H.P. was not called upon to make any decisions. Four Chapters had their charters arrested during the year, and another charter arrest was recommended. The Grand Chapter was reported in a better condition financially than it ever had been, having a total general fund of \$28,399.32.

A special memorial service was held for Companion J. A. Walker, the Grand Scribe of his Grand Chapter who died in February, 1934.

Membership 7,375; loss 1,557.

M. E. Companion Edson A. MacMillan elected G.H.P.

J.V.F.

OREGON, 1934

The Sixty-fourth Annual Convocation was held at Astoria, Oregon, April 9th, 1934, with Percy L. Kelly, M. E. Grand High Priest, presiding.

The Grand High Priest's address begins with the very terse words "Damn the Dreamers anyway," and then proceeds to "interpret" their dreams.

Speaking of legislation, the Grand High Priest says:

"I have no recommendation in the realm of legislation. We need no more laws. We need no more discipline than we have. We do need a re-awakening to the beauty, the benefit, the blessing and the guiding, saving, inspiring, ennobling and glorifying influence of Masonry in general and Capitular Masonry in particular."

The "letter-perfect spirit-suppressing lesson-obscurer technocrats of ritualism" do not appeal to the Grand High Priest—they irk and annoy him. I concur. The suggestion is made that the ritual be shortened, especially the last degree.

Edwin L. Wider, Salem, is the grand representative of Alberta.

Foreign correspondence not reviewed.

227 were exalted during the year. The membership is shown at 5857.

Carl W. Evertsen was elected Grand High Priest.

J.W.G.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1934

The One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging was held at Philadelphia on December 27th, 1934.

Quarterly Communications were held in the same Masonic Temple on March 8th, June 7th, September 6th and December 6th, when routine business was transacted.

On December 6th the distinguished visitors included the Grand High Priests of Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut, Vermont, Virginia, Ohio, North Carolina, District of Columbia, New Jersey, Delaware, West Virginia, the Grand First Principal of Quebec, the Past Grand First Principal of Canada and many others.

Our Grand Representative, E. Companion Wesley R. Roe, does not appear to have been present at any of these communications.

We note that R. E. Companion Henry W. Ford, of Calgary, was appointed as their Grand Representative to our Grand Chapter.

This Grand Jurisdiction has ample funds, owning securities to the value of \$216,811.26 besides over \$10,000 in cash.

In his address, Grand High Priest Charles H. Weaver stated "that the Chapters are planning to meet today's problems and displaying an activity that is conducive to future stability and success". "Our District Meetings continue to be the source of inspiration that is needed to develop a better understanding of the ritual and true companionship."

The Degrees of Mark Master, Most Excellent Master and Holy Royal Arch were rehearsed by different Chapters at seventeen of these District Meetings. All were good to excellent.

M. E. Companion Weaver gives in detail his many visits to Chapters as well as to the Grand Chapters of Ohio, Delaware, New York, District of Columbia, Rhode Island, Missouri, Connecticut, West Virginia and Massachusetts.

He highly commends the work of the District Deputies and the Grand Secretary, Jos. E. Quimby.

On being installed, M. E. Companion A. T. Hanby delivered a stirring appeal to the companions. He said, "he hoped the same enthusiasm was evidenced by the members to keep a member in his Chapter as was evidenced in getting him in originally."

The Fraternal Review is written by five companions, with M. E. Companion John M. Core as chairman. Alberta is given a pleasing review for 1934 by M. E. Companion Core. Companion H. F. Brossman, reviewing New Mexico concerning a Public Installation, says, "Where in Masonic Law is there any authority to install a High Priest or any other officer, except in a properly opened and tiled Chapter, even if the opening and closing of the Chapter is not performed?" We know it would not stand in Alberta.

153 Chapters. 53,818 Members. Net loss, 2,608.

E.G.I.

QUEBEC, 1934

The Fifty-seventh Annual Convocation was held on March 28th, 1934, in the City of Montreal, the home city of the Grand First Principal, M. E. Companion Allan P. Shatford, who presided at all sessions.

Five Past Grand Z.'s were present but Alberta's Representative, M. E. Companion W. J. Edwards, was missing.

We excerpt from the Grand Z.'s address:

"We meet this year with the skies a little brighter than a year ago. From all sides we hear reports and hints of an upward tendency and the spirit of hope is strong. When confidence is established, half the victory is in our hands. It is despair that defeats us. So long as man retains his faith all things are possible. It is therefore a matter of rejoicing to find that people are expectant of better things. That in itself is an augury of success. In common with all institutions, Masonry has felt the strain and drain of narrow times, but we have no reason for pessimism."

Canon Shatford is a great man and speaker, and Quebec has had a real apostle and leader at its head during the past year. The writer was present last August when the Canon addressed the Templars in St. James's Cathedral, Toronto. Some day we hope he will give a series of addresses in the West.

Motions to reduce the per capita tax were defeated.

M. E. Companion Edwards writes the review and gives liberal space to Alberta.

23 Chapters. 3,302 Members. Decrease, 221.

M. E. Companion C. O'Neill, Grand First Principal.

R. E. Companion Walter W. Williamson, Grand Scribe E.

M.M.D.

SASKATCHEWAN, 1934

The Eleventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan was held in the City of Moose Jaw on February 28th, 1934. M. E. Companion William J. Smith the Grand First Principal presided. Six Past Grand Z.'s were present.

Alberta's Representative, E. Companion J. C. Moore, of Regina, was present.

M. E. Companion J. F. Dart, Grand Z of Manitoba, and R. E. Companion J. G. Burr, Grand Principal Sojourner from North Dakota, were present and conveyed greetings from their Grand Chapters.

The Grand First Principal was absent from the Jurisdiction much of the year, but his Grand Officers "carried on" for him and M. E. Companions Joseph R. Yorke, H. M. P. de Roche, G. F. Burgess and Edwin Pinkerton, all Past Grand Z.'s, assisted.

Judge de Roche delivered a splendid address of "The Great Discovery."

Another distinguished visitor was R. E. Companion Judge A. G. Burr, Grand Principal Sojourner of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota. His address makes worth-while reading and only space forbids our quoting.

27 Chapters. 2209 Members. Decrease, 166.

M. E. Companion E. J. Coster, Grand First Principal.
R. E. Companion Francis B. Reilly, Grand Scribe E.

M.M.D.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1934

The Forty-fifth Annual Convocation was held in the City of Sioux Falls on June 14th, 1934.

Alberta was not represented.

M. E. Companion R. S. Brown, Grand High Priest.

Distinguished visitors introduced were M. E. Companion Milford Nelson, Grand High Priest of Minnesota, and Companion W. E. Poole, Grand Lecturer of Minnesota.

Fifteen Past Grand High Priests were presented and received with Grand Honors.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, reviewed his activities for the year. Under "Necrology" he reported the death of seventy-five companions with special reference to the passing of M. E. Companion J. A. Cleaver, Past Grand High Priest. He visited six Chapters (including his home Chapter) during his term of office.

The Grand Secretary reported a net loss of 487 making a membership for 1934 of 3,978 for thirty-eight Chapters, two Chapters surrendering their charters.

No reviews.

Grand High Priest, R. S. Brown, Sioux Falls.
Grand Secretary, G. A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls.

A.W.

TENNESSEE, 1934

The One Hundred and Sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tennessee convened at Nashville, January 28th, 1934, with M. E. Companion Maurice L. Hester, Grand High Priest, presiding.

There were 81 Chapters in the jurisdiction, 77 of which were represented at the Annual Convocation. Alberta was represented by Companion John N. Pigg, of Columbia.

Companion Cuthbert L. Valentine was commissioned as the Grand Representative in Alberta.

The Grand High Priest in his address, felt that Royal Arch Masonry in Tennessee was in better condition than it had been for years, and adds the impressive comment: "If Masonry as taught and practiced by the founders of the country is to survive and continue to hold the admiration of the world, we as individual members must continue with that fervency and zeal with which we have worked while facing so many difficulties."

The Grand High Priest travelled more than 6,000 miles while making his visits. He found some Chapters unable to give the secret work in their ritual; others (and they appeared to be in the large majority) were active and most progressive.

Alberta is given a creditable review. Thanks.

The statistical report of the Grand Secretary showed a membership of 6,318. 133 companions were exalted, as compared with 62 the previous year.

Companion William H. Blackwell, Johnson City, was elected Grand High Priest.

J.W.G.

TEXAS, 1934

The Eighty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapters of Texas was held in the City of Waco, December 3rd and 4th, 1934, the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion J. Lee Zumwalt, presiding.

Fifteen Grand Officers, 13 Past Grand High Priests and 44 Grand Representatives were present. Alberta was represented by Companion J. D. Starks.

We mourn with Texas the passing of Past Grand High Priest W. H. Petty.

M. E. Companion Zumwalt's address gave a very complete account of his busy year's work. He visited sixty-six Chapters and contacted with 2,471 officers and members at these meetings and one or more members of 259 Chapters (ninety per cent of all Chapters) and travelled 14,735 miles. His address covers fifty-eight pages. He made a number of recommendations, but quite a number of them were not concurred in by the Committee on this report. Masonry is truly conservative; the reformer must have patience and perseverance.

Alberta 1934 was courteously reviewed.

274 Chapters. 30,293 Members. Decrease, 3,962.

M. E. Companion George W. Clampitt, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion Thos. M. Bartley, Grand Secretary. W.T.C.

UTAH, 1934

Twenty-third Annual Convocation, Ogden, June 11th, 1934.

M. E. Companion John E. Carver, G.H.P.

All Chapters represented by officers or proxies.

Alberta was represented by E. Companion Ernest A. Tripp.

It is only necessary to state that the G.H.P. has been the Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Ogden during the past thirty-four years to show the type of man who has led the Royal Arch Masons of Utah for the past year.

Many delightful thoughts are given in the G.H.P.'s address, and one gathers that he is in favour of an NRA for Royal Arch Masonry, with a code elastic enough to suit changed environment and conditions. Masonic brotherhood and its influence on Masonic and community life is stressed; attention is paid to changed fees and dues to apply to sectional needs; Educational programmes are fostered; large classes and reunion dates and conferring of degrees with musical and fellowship programmes are advocated. These suggestions were put into practice during the year and consequently this Grand Chapter is one of the very few showing an increase in membership.

Membership 1,206; net increase 40.

It is interesting to note that the committee appointed to deal with the New South Wales problem asked to have the matter closed and the committee discharged. A wise decision.

M. E. Companion Bert Atworth elected G.H.P.

J.V.F.

VERMONT, 1934

The One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Vermont was held in the City of Burlington on June 12th, 1934, M. E. Companion Edward W. Curtis, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Alberta's Representative, E. Companion Howard H. Shufelt, was present.

We regret to announce the passing of M. E. Companion Henry H. Ross, who was Grand Secretary from 1902 to 1928, and Grand Secretary Emeritus from 1928 to his death. In 1914 Alberta had a real friend in M. E. Companion Ross. We tender our sincere sympathy to Vermont.

The Grand High Priest in his address commented on the need for a few years of economical administration.

M. E. Companion Archie S. Harriman, who writes the review, prefaces it with a page of statistics, which is very valuable and saves a lot of searching. We think he was feeling pessimistic. Better days are in store for us. He quotes rather extensively from M. E. Companion Pollet's address. A splendid review.

M. E. Companion Max G. Ayers, Waterbury, Grand High Priest.
M. E. Companion Archie S. Harriman, Burlington, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

29 Chapters. 5,380 Members. Decrease, 287.

M.M.D.

VICTORIA, 1933-34

The Seventeenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Victoria was held in the City of Melbourne on Wednesday, April 18th, 1934, M. E. Companion C. T. Martin, Grand First Principal, presiding.

In Victoria the title is "Eminent;" throughout the rest of the Capitular world it is "Excellent."

The copy of the Proceedings also covers Convocations held on July 19th, 1933; October 18th, 1933, and January 17th, 1934.

M. E. Companion G. Burrige Leith delivered a splendid address on "The Holy Royal Arch Degree."

The four Quarterly Convocations covered the regular business and report of Grand Chapter Officers.

The Grand First Principal was re-elected and installed for the fifth year.

The largest membership of a Chapter is 116. The average is 63.

M. Em. Companion Charles T. Martin, Grand First Principal.

M. Em. Companion Charles K. Cahn, Grand Scribe E.

M.M.D.

VIRGINIA, 1933

The One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Virginia was held in the City of Richmond on October 24th, 1933, the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion P. M. Shirey, presiding.

Eleven Past Grand High Priests were present and they with others mourn the loss of M. E. Companion Isaac H. Adams, Jr., Past Grand High Priest.

E. Companion George C. Scarborough answered the roll call for Alberta.

Forty-eight out of Seventy-one Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is concise. He travelled 8,377 miles and visited fifty-six Chapters.

M. E. Companion E. Fenno Heath devotes a page and a half of his review to Alberta 1932.

71 Chapters. 14,615 Members, Decrease, 1,035.

M. E. Companion Ollie C. Hope, Grand High Priest

R. E. Companion James M. Clift, Grand Secretary.

W. T. C.

VIRGINIA, 1934

The One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Virginia was held in the City of Richmond on October 23rd and 24, 1934, the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Ollie C. Hope, presiding.

There were present sixteen Grand Officers, twelve Past Grand High Priests and forty-seven Grand Representatives. Fifty Chapters were represented. Alberta was represented by E. Companion George C. Scarborough.

Distinguished visitors attended from Maryland, West Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, District of Columbia, Maine and Iowa.

The address of the Grand High Priest (an example, I think, of what such an address should be) is a full report of the year's work; he stops when he is through.

M. E. Companion E. Fenno Heath again gives Alberta a nice review; he quotes several paragraphs of the Grand First Principal's address.

71 Chapters. Membership, 13,191. Decrease, 1,422.

M. E. Companion Delameter Davis, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion James N. Clift, Grand Secretary.

W. T. C.

WASHINGTON, 1934

The Fiftieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington was convened at Spokane on May 10th, 1934.

All Grand Officers and twenty-one Past Grand High Priests were present and fifty-one out of fifty-three Chapters were represented. Our Grand Representative, Companion Alex Frazier of Seattle, answered the Roll Call and Reception.

Grand High Priest George W. Sommers' Address shows him to be a man of high ideals and active in the discharge of his duties. He believes "that each Chapter should have a definite object and purpose to work for." He endeavored to place anew before the Chapters the fundamental principles of Freemasonry and to urge each companion to direct his steps through life by the Light of the Bible, open on our altars. He says "When we study the situation in the United States,

we find Chapters of Atheism being organized in practically every college, university and school of higher learning. In our public schools and colleges the Bible is neither tolerated nor permitted, but the atheist and irreligious man is allowed to spread his dark and dangerous propaganda among those whom we are endeavoring to train for the higher, nobler and better things in life."

He refused to grant a dispensation to hold a regular Chapter meeting on the second Friday instead of the third Friday on the month.

One of his many visits was to Rossland Chapter, British Columbia, when Grand First Principal Alex. McDuff paid his official visit.

We are pleased to note that at the afternoon session Grand Chapter was called off and Rossland Chapter exemplified the Royal Arch Degree before the Washington Grand Chapter companions.

The Grand High Priest attends the Regional meetings (we call ours District meetings) as it is impossible to visit each Chapter.

Each Grand Officer is assigned a group of Chapters to visit and reports to the Grand High Priest.

Grand Chapter finds that the NRA affects them in that there is a Printers' Code which eliminates competitive bids for printing the Proceedings. Thus, as in most other Jurisdictions the Capitulat Review is cut down. Only the essentials are given, and we miss the instructive comments and valuable criticisms.

As this was their Fiftieth Anniversary, short addresses were given by companions of the three Chapters which formed the nucleus of Grand Chapter—Walla Walla, No. 1; Spokane, No. 2, and Seattle, No. 3.

Grand Orator Dryer's address on "Masonry the Allegory," gave a complete picture as presented by the various degrees from the time of Moses to the Christian Era.

It was resolved that "a Royal Arch Mason may be a member of not to exceed two, Chapters of this Jurisdiction at the same time. But he shall not be High Priest of more than one Chapter at a time."

M. E. Companion Wesley C. Stone, who writes the Capitular Review, says he had been compelled to omit much of real importance Alberta gets two-thirds of a page. We quote one of his comments: "The Grand High Priest of Wisconsin responded to every request for an official visit, thus fourteen were made. In Washington the Grand High Priest does not wait for an invitation, but goes to all." (So do we in Alberta.)

53 Chapters. 7,604 Members. Net Loss, 501.

E.G.I.

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Masonic Calendar and Rules for Masonic Dates

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONRY—

Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucis (A.L.) "in the year of Light." To get the present date add 4,000 years to the common era—1935 and 4,000 equal to 5,935.

ROYAL ARCH—

Date from the year in which the Temple was commenced by Zerubbabel Anno Inventionis (A. I.) "in the year of discovery." Add 530 to the vulgar era—1935 and 530 equal to 2,465.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—

Date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed—Anno Depositionis (A. Dep.) "in the year of the deposit." Add 1,000 to the common era, thus: 1935 and 1,000 equal to 2,935.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—

Commence their era with the organization of their order Anno Ordinis (A. O.) "in the year of the Order." From the Christian era take 1,118, thus: 1935 less 1,118 equal to 817.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD—

Date from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchisedek—Anno Benefacio (A. B.). To the Christian era add 1913, thus: 1935 and 1913 equal to 3,848.

SCOTTISH RITE—

Same as Ancient Craft Masonry—except the Jewish chronology is used—Anno Mundi (A.M.) "in the year of the world." To get the common era add 3,760, thus: 1935 and 3,760 equal to 5,695. After September add another year.

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- R. E. Comp. Arthur Robinson Grand Principal Sojourner
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The Twenty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta will be held in the City of Edmonton on Wednesday, the 18th day of March, 1936.
